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THE
DIARY COMPANION;
BEING A
SUPPLEMENT
TO THE
LADIES' DIARY,
FOR THE YEAR 1795.

Containing Answers to the last Year's ENIGMAS,
REBUSES, CHARADES, QUERIES, and QUES-
TIONS; both in the DIARY and SUPPLEMENT.

With some New ENIGMAS, REBUSES, CHARADES,
QUERIES, and QUESTIONS, proposed to be
answered next Year.

Also, CALCULATIONS of the ECLIPSES; and
other New Discoveries in the Heavens.

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SUPPLEMENT TO THE LADIES' DIARY, FOR THE YEAR 1795.

ANSWERS TO THE ENIGMAS.

1. *Diary Enigmas.*

- 1 Cheek,
- 2 Music,
- 3 Charade,
- 4 Ball,
- 5 Skewer,



- 6 Garter,
- 7 Tide,
- 8 Dew,
- 9 Cameleon,
- 10 Tear.

2. *Supplement Enigmas.*

- 1 Kiss,
- 2 Sleep,
- 3 Weather Cock,
- 4 Scythe,

- 5 Eye,
- 6 Books,
- 7 Frost.

Other Answers to the Diary Prize Enigma, beside those inserted in the Diary, are as below.

9. *Invocation to Peace; by Mr. J. Bayley, Middleton, Yorksh.*

Come, gentle Peace, from the wild floods of war,
Come, dove-like, and thy blooming olive bear.
Tell me, ye victors, what strange charms ye find
In conquest; that destruction of mankind.
Unenvy'd may your laurels ever grow,
That never flourish but in human woe,
If never earth the wreath triumphal bears,
Till drench'd in hero's blood, or orphans' TEARS.

10. *The Tear; by Mr. William Darnford.*

Oh! that the Chemist's magic art
Could crystallize this sacred treasure!
Long should it glitter near my heart,
A secret source of pensive pleasure.
The little brilliant, ere it fell,
Its lustre caught from Chloe's eye;
Then, trembling, left its coral cell—
The spring of sensibility!
Sweet drop of pure and pearly light!
In thee the rays of virtue shine
More calmly clear, more mildly bright
Than any gem that gilds the mine.

Benign restorer of the soul !
 Who ever fly't to bring relief,
 When first she feels the rude controul
 Of love or pity, joy or grief.

The Sage's and the Poet's theme,
 In ev'ry clime, in ev'ry age ;
 Thou charm'st in fancy's idle dream,
 In reason's philosophic page.

That very law * which moulds a TEAR,
 And bids it trickle from its source,
 That law preserves the earth a sphere,
 And guides the planets in their course.

* *The law of gravitation.*

11. *The same, by Mr. John Fildes, Schoolmaster in Liverpool.*

When Adam, weary of his life,
 Was sorely vex'd at Eve his wife ;
 If Milton tells us true, 'tis clear,
 She soon appeas'd him with a Tear.

12. *Sonnet to Pity ; by Hermes.*

Enchanting power ! the muse delights to trace
 The beam benignant, in thy downcast eye,
 The roseate blush that glows upon thy face,
 The heaving bosom and the pensive sigh.

Mov'd by thy gentle influence, see the maid,
 A heighten'd charm, a softer grace acquire,
 In her mild glance thy tender wish display'd,
 The soul of sympathy and kind desire.

The brightest gem Golconda's mines can shew,
 Thy stealing TEAR excels its lucid ray ;
 Not the loud bursts of mirth's transporting flow
 Are half so pleasing as thy moving lay—

The gems and mirth's loud raptures I resign,
 Be but thy moving lay, thy sweet effusions mine.

13. *False Sympathy ; by Hilarius.*

That wars and massacres prevail,
 Chloe without emotion hears ;
 But if her lap-dog singe his tail,
 Her gentle heart dissolves in TEARS.

14. *True Sympathy ; by Philo.*

While dying groans of wounded foes or friends,
 With solemn sadness strike my list'ning ear ;
 While war into the grave its myriads sends,
 Humanity demands the falling TEAR.

15. *An Address to Eliza; by Mr. Jos. Scott, near Heskett-new-market, Cumberland.*

Why sighs fair Eliza unmarri'd in TEARS,
 While I, who am fifty, and brisk at my years,
 Have never been married, nor ever could get
 My equal for riches, for person, and wit;
 But fancy them all in you fully combin'd,
 It so strikes my heart, and to wed I'm inclin'd;
 For I think as you do, and certain it is,
 If you think as I do, a match cannot miss.
 But must be done quickly, for I'm in full cue,
 By you to be happy, and happy make you.
 Yet hope that Eliza will frankly confess,
 If her thousand be—real pounds Sterling—nothing less.

16. *The Causes of Tears; by Miss Maria Stanhope.*

When children for sport twitch the hair from the head,
 Or ill-natur'd taunts have imprudently fled;
 When shame and contrition have soften'd the heart,
 Or slander been busy to envenom her dart;
 When puzzled in study a task to obtain,
 Or the rod of correction's inflicted in vain.
 The deep grief it has spoke that had long been conceal'd,
 When friends faithless prov'd and secrets reveal'd;
 When effusions of fancy enliven the brain,
 And the soul's tender fibres bound high from each vein;
 When some object that's absent is call'd to the view,
 Till lost in the maze it would fondly pursue,
 When startled with fear or in visions of dread,
 Or else when the heels are too light for the head.
 When brother or sister, parent, lover or friend,
 In the anguish of parting, how apt to attend,
 When the heart sympathetic its feelings disclose,
 Or when cruel adversity's tide overflows;
 When reflection's keen edge has a residence found,
 And friends with upbraidings imbitter the wound.
 When sweet sensibility bleeds at each pore,
 And loaths an existence too hard to indure;
 In each age, sex, condition, by turns is it seen,
 When enrag'd, or when joyful, in both in extreme;
 Thus its influence most poignant is sure to display,
 When the stab of ingratitude marks its dread way
 But from causes contrary you'll find 'twill appear,
 The effect is the same, each producing a TEAR.

No. 8. Diary Enigmas answered.

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Other ANSWERS to the DIARY ENIGMAS, beside those
inserted in the Diary, are as follow.

12. *Chloe*; by Mr. I. Liddell, of Hovingham.

When *Chloe* is with me, all cares I defy,
Her graces with rapture I view;
The bloom in her *Cheek* not the rose can outvie, 1
Nor shew such a beautiful hue.
No *Musick* can equal the notes of her voice; 2
How melodious it sounds in my ear:
In the *Ball* when she trips I am envy'd my choice, 4
But can't be depriv'd of my dear.
Unaffectedly neat she always is seen,
Not *Skewer*'d like a primming old maid; 5
Her wit's as engaging as graceful her mien,
For quickly she forms the *Cbarade*. 3
Not the *Tide* is more sure than *Chloe* is true; 7
Delusion in her would be strange;
With her love I'm refresh'd, as grafs with the *Dew*, 8
Nor *Cameleon*-like ever can change. 9
Her breast heaves the sigh at the sight of distress,
Her eyes shed the pitiful *Tear*, 12
In vain she endeavours her grief to suppress,
For her looks denote it too clear.—
Unrival'd by any, how blest'd is my fate,
My *Chloe*'s the sum of my care;
The knight of the *Garter* may boast of his state, 6
But can't of a charmer so fair.

13. *A Morning's Walk*; by Mr. Paul Measor, Pupil to the Rev. Mr. Mossop, Brighthelmstone.

One morning while the *Dew* was seen, 8
I tript it o'er to yonder green;
Where the swift *Tide* glides fast along, 7
And *Philomela* chaunts her song:
There in sweet peace calmly to rest,
Nor let dread fears disturb my breast.
Down in a cool recess I sat,
And with fair *Dia* was my chat,
In finding out her curious riddles, 3
Of *Garters*, *Skewers*, *Balls*, and *fiddles*: 6, 5, 4, 2
Cameleons too she sometimes hides, 9
And *Cheeks* bedew'd with *Tears* besides. 1, 10

14. *Choice of a Wife*; by Minor.

Grant me, ye Gods, a wife of stature low;
Her *Cheeks* like roses, and her neck like snow;
Her hair in ringlets down her back let flow: } 1

" Her teeth like ivory, well siz'd and even ;
 " And to her breath, ethereal sweets be given :"
 Her lovely eyes, like em'ralsd bright should shine ;
 The *Musick* of her tongue should be divine. 2
 But above all, let her have sense and wit,
 To guess enigmas, or *Charades* to hit ; 3
 Whether they're made on *Garter*, *Skew'r*, or *Tide* ; 6, 5, 7
Cameleon, *Dew* ; or any thing beside. 9, 8
 With such a wife, replete with all these graces,
 I'd seek no other charms, in other faces.
 With her sometimes I'd visit play or *Ball*, 4
 And reckon her, my pleasing all in all.
 And if I should survive this lovely fair ;
 For her I'd ever shed the tender *Tear*. 10

15. *The Garter ; by Mr. Jos. Scott, near Heskett-new-market.*

As Nancy to a *Ball* was bound, 4
 Intent to hear the *Musick* found, 2
 Her fickle swain her *Garter* found, 6
 And sent her a *Charade* on't. 3
 This sunk her in a *Tide* of fears, 7
 That soon bedew'd her *Cheeks* with *Tears* ; 8, 1, 10
 She fear'd there would some taunts and jeers,
 And idle things be said on't.

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 She pinn'd her stocking with a *Skewer*, 5
 And thought, 'an ill she could not cure,
 'Twas best with patience to endure :
 It prov'd so in the sequel.
 For as *Cameleons* change their hue, 9
 His heart did melt and mould anew ;
 He prov'd thence-forward kind and true,
 And Hymen made them equal.

16. *The Sailor's Return ; by Mr. James Biggs Williams.*

When forc'd to leave my native shore,
 I lov'd a nymph, no mortal more.
 On my return, I saw her shed
 A *Tear* that o'er her *Cheeks* was spread. 10, 1
 Her constant heart had never veer'd,
 Tho' powder'd beaux their suit prefer'd. 5
 No tuneful fop, no *Garter'd* rake, 2, 6
 Could make dear Sue her *Tar* forsake,
 Her *Dewy* lips I press'd, and swore, 8
 Fate never should divide us more ;
 Tho' fortune like *Cameleon* change, 9
 On stormy seas no more to range ;
 No more attend the *cannon's* roar. 4
 But bless'd in love rest safe on shore ;
 Like a *Charade* unite in one, 3
 Till life's appointed *Tide* is run. 7

No. 8. Supp. Prize Enigma answered. 7

ANSWERS to the PRIZE ENIGMA in the last SUPPLEMENT.

1. *By Miss Betty Boys, of Stainton Vale.*

Cold is the Prize, with all its charms,
Cold is its warmest grace ;
Cold is each path we can disarm,
Or from its numbers trace.

Unless to those, who chance by lot,
To gain the laurel'd post ;
Then all is warm, the cold's forgot,
And pleasant is the *Frost*.

2. *Address to the Ladies ; by the Rev. Mr. Ewbank, of Thornton Steward.*

In the spring, my dear ladies, the flow'rets, like you,
All around appear gay, and are beauteous to view :
But when winter approaches, and *Frost* comes apace,
Their appearance is chang'd, and they lose all their grace.
Such a change, lovely creatures, will age make with you ;
So pray manage your prime ; and observe this to do,—
Take care so to live, till you sleep in the tomb,
As to glory to rise, and eternally bloom.

3. *Winter ; by Mr. Olinthus G. Gregory, of Tuxley, Hunts.*

The north wind blows, keen *Frosts* around
Extend their dreary reign ;
And drifted snows upon the ground,
Have whiten'd all the plain.

The leafless trees in yonder wood,
A dreary sight display ;
The half-starv'd birds, to seek their food,
Impatient wing their way.

'Tis thus in life, a few more years
Will bring us to old age,
And silver'd locks, while various cares,
And vexing scenes engage.

Then let's in youth our time employ,
True wisdom to obtain ;
That we, when life's chill winter's nigh,
Mayn't hope for spring in vain.

4. *To Vertigo ; by Miss Louisa Harpur.*

Friendship alone my heart can warm,
Love's arts I now defy ;
Cupid no more, tho' bright his form,
Shall cost this heart a sigh.

Though fancy's roses wreath his hair,
And wit his features grace ;
Too much his poison'd darts I fear,
The urchin to embrace.

In maiden state I peaceful stray,
Nor dread the *Frost* of time ;
My footsteps, never mark the way,
That leads to Hymen's shrine.

5. *The Morning's Walk ; by Jacobus of Norwich.*

With hasty step along the glebe,
To see the little chirping tribe,
With busy bill oft peck the ground ;
And rosy health's sweet grace t'imbibe —
Yes, carelessly I often stray,
And hail the rosy-bosom'd morn—
(If shines the cheering god of day)
When the hoar *Frost* hangs glitt'ring on the thorn.

6. *Address to Venus ; by Mr. James Mulcaster, of Langly Mill, Northumberland.*

Tell me, Venus, Cyprian queen,
Why so pleasing Chloe's mien,
Why adorn'd with ev'ry grace,
Why so pretty is her face ;
Why is it divinely fair ?
But a lover to ensnare.
Hear me, Venus from above,
Let the wanton god of love,
From thy Paphian towers descend,
In my cause his bow to bend ;
Bid him with his fiery dart,
Melt my Chloe's *Frozen* heart.

7. *A Winter's Day ; by Mr. Philip Norris, of Liverpool.*

When piercing *Frost* each stream has bound,
And all our plains are fetter'd round ;
With loaded gun in rapt'rous glee,
I trip around the mead or lea ;
Or else on skates, my heart's delight,
Around the marsh I take a flight,
Which with a friend, the scene to cheer,
I more than ev'ry joy revere.
And when great Sol's funk in the west,
Sit by coal fire, to chat and jest ;
With some dear friend or charming fair,
Life's purest bliss on earth to share :
Or with conversant Lady Di,
The irksome hours pass with joy.

8. *Address to Formosa ; by H. A. Thawtemson, Chester-le-ſt.*

The love that glows within my breast,
And gives to all my hopes a zest,
So permanent and true ;

It shall survive all change of place,
Nor Frost of age shall e'er efface
The love I bear for you.

9. *The same : by Miss A. Wood, of Liverpool.*

Last night being frosty, I had a desire
To find out the prize as I sat by the fire ;
But as to the answer, I am not quite clear,
So leave it to you to determine next near.

Various other ingenious answers to the Prize Enigma were also given by Academicus, Amelia, Appleton, I. Archer, J. Ashcroft, J. Ayres, Job Ayres, Geo. Baron, R. Baxter, R. Bell, Tho. Bowman, J. Brooksbank, G. Browne, J. Browne, Wm. Burdon, Wm. Charles, Geo. Cook, Clericus, Cornubienfis, Hilarius, Jos. Cox, T. Crosby, R. Cundall, Jos. Daubney, Wm. Davis, Ja. Davison, Rd. Denning, Nanny Dent, Mrs. Furness, Geo. Gibbs, Sam. Harvey, Tho. Hornby, W. Hostman, Sam. Hot, I. Liddell, Mrs. Maken, Wm. Marriot, Paul Measor, Parthenia, Geo. Potts, Da. Roberts, Geo. Robinson, Wm. Robinson, John Savage, John Taylor, and J. Shackleton.

GENERAL ANSWERS to the SUPP. ENIGMAS.

1. *May-day Sports ; by Miss Betty Boys, of Stainton Vale.*

Last May-day betimes, ere the Frost with his tresses, 7

Withdrew from the grassy green mead,

Or Sol on the lark, for his shrill sounding verses,

Did shed a warm ray round his head ;

I rose from my Sleep, like the Rainbow of fashion, 2

Our Stainton-Vale pleasures to share,

With bunches of snow-drops to cool my fond passion,

And laurel sprigs twin'd in my hair.

So straight to the place where each May-day we meet,

I rambled the meadows along ;

Diverted with shepherds who hail'd me complete,

And grac'd my approach with a song.

Then I and young Strephon, the first of our train,

Like Truf-well and Hughes did advance ;

Not doating on Tomb-stone, on Cartridge, or Vane, 3

But jocundly led up the dance.

Each couple delightful then tripp'd up in state,

To honour the first day of May ;

Each glaring in colours, in fashion elate ;

Not London fair beauties more gay.

While Strephon unto me his passion declar'd,

On Wedlock, on fancy and love ;

And vow'd how he languish'd, he sigh'd and despair'd,

Lest I an unconstant should prove.

With wonder he Eye'd me, attesting his wound 5

Was more than the Scythe could impart ; 4

But stop'd in his tale, by the spinner's shrill sound,

Another fresh dance we must start.

Thus dancing and courting we pass'd the long day,
 Outvying each other in mien,
 Till night did her mantle around us display,
 And veil ev'ry nymph on the green.

At parting a *Kiss* of each other we took,
 My Strephon and I first began.

Adieu then we bid; so to relish your *Book*,
 I greet Supplement with our plan.

This ingenious young lady has contrived to bring the answers of the Rebuses and Charades also into her verses answering the Enigmas; a practice we have always disapproved; as it both renders the pieces too long, and spoils some parts of them, by endeavouring to bring in so many more unconnected words. We therefore advise our correspondents to avoid such a practice, if they would not have their pieces rejected.

2. *Approach of Winter; by the Rev. Mr. Ewbank, of Thornton Steward.*

By the *Vane*, from the mountains of Lapland I'm told 3
 That the wind issues forth, which accounts for the cold;
Frost to me now seems sharp, and I soon must retire 7
 From my walks in the fields, to my *Books* and my fire. 6
 When Roger goes out to his herds in the eve,
 They to him cast an *Eye*, and expect to receive 5
 What the *Scythe* or the hook late had cut from the ground, 4
 While the rustics in *dalliance* and mirth did abound. 1
 Near a-Sleep now, or dead, lovely nature appears; 2
 Which to mortals doth hint, as time adds to their years,
 That as life, like the year, will come soon to an end,
 It behoves ev'ry soul to reflect, and amend.

3. *To Melancholy; by Mrs. M. Furness, of Heddon-on-the-Wall, near Newcastle.*

Farewell ye fleeting scenes of mirth;
 With you no more I long to dwell:
 But come, sweet Melancholy, come,
 And hide me in thy sacred cell.
 O! let me *Kiss* thy hallow'd hand, 1
 And plunge me deep in sorrow's stream:
 Avaunt vain joys!—but empty names—
 No more my *Eye* regards your gleam. 5
 Struck with thy clouded dusky brow,
 Thy steps I follow thro' the grove:
 O'er mountain's top where *Frost* holds sway, 7
 With languid pace again I rove.
 True as the *Vane* turns to the wind, 3
 I range with thee thro' midnight gloom;
 I court thy haunts, thou penfive maid,
 Nor fly at chearful morning's bloom.

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On banks where never gleam'd the *Scythe* 4
 I *Books* of ancient learning read ; 6
 Or else the livelong night I pass,
 Devoid of *Sleep*, among the dead. 2

Thou virtuous friend of grief and woe,
 Thy awful steps I slow pursue,
 Thro' groves, where silence brooding reigns,
 And bid to frantic joys adieu.

4. *Approach of Spring ; by Mr. Samuel Harvey, of Lyme.*

Winter is past, behold the spring appears,
 And every thing a pleasing aspect wears ;
 The Borean blast no more is felt around,
 Nor nipping *Frost* is seen to *Kiss* the ground, 7, 1
 All nature now awakes as out of *Sleep*, 2
 And *Eyes* that long were clos'd begin to peep. 5
 The husbandman again his hopes revive,
 To see his crops do now begin to thrive ;
 He rises early, late he goes to bed,
 And scarce has time his prayer *Book* to read : 6
 He views the *Weather-cock* more sure to know 3
 Exactly from which point the wind doth blow,
 And lest his *Scythe* should lie a useless thing, 4
 He well improves the moments of the spring.

5. *The Comparison ; by Mrs. Alethea Wilhelmina Maken.*

As *Frost* is to the frigid zone, 7
 So *Books* are to the wise : 6
 As is the *Scythe* of time to man, 4
 So *Sleep* is to the *Eyes*. 2, 5
 And as the *Vane* is to the wind, 3
 So *Kisses* are to love : 1
 But man, vain man is unto truth,
 As earth to heav'n above.

6. *Improvement of Time ; by Mr. John Rimmer, Liverpool.*

While night in sable grandeur reigns,
 And spreads her curtain o'er the plains ;
 Let me, tho' *Frost* and snow abound, 7
 And hail beat thick my cot around,
 With *Sleepless Eyes* the leaves con o'er, 2, 5
 Of *Books* replete with wisdom's lore ; 6
 Enrich my mind, while others play,
 And idly waste their time away,
 At balls and scenes of fancied bliss,
 All night a slave to gain—a *Kiss* ! 1
 But trust not man, nor womankind,
 Who pleasures hunt, for them you'll find
 Like *Weather-cocks* to change their mind. 3

Let coxcombs vain, ye charming fair,
 No more participate your care ;
 Convince the world that you can know
 Internal worth from outward show :
 So when the *Scythe* of time appears,
 To cut the thread of future years,
 Disarm'd of terrors death shall come,
 And waft you happy to the tomb.

7. *On Winter ; by Mr. Tho. R. Smart.*

Winter with icy coldness reigns,
 The trees their leaves have lost ;
 A hoary rime o'erspreads the plains,
 The rivers bound by *Frost*. 7
 No more the swain employs the *Scythe*, 4
 And eager trips along ;
 No more he carols gay and blythe,
 While echo joins the song.
 All nature now seems hush'd to *Sleep*, 2
 The birds forsake the grove ;
 No more their once lov'd stations keep,
 Or chant the lay of love.
 The lowing kine with watchful *Eye*, 5
 Observe the threshing floor ;
 Or, pinch'd by hunger, venture nigh,
 And crowd about the door.
 The *Cock*, the herald of the morn, 3
 In drooping silence waits ;
 Expectant of his grain of corn,
 Amid his feather'd mates.
 Now seated near the social fire,
 I read with busy care 6
 The fav'rite authors I admire,
 And *Dia's* secrets share.
 Or happy with my charming fair,
 I steal a balmy *Kiss*, 1
 From the dear object of my care ;
 Earnest of greater bliss.

Other general and ingenious answers to the Supplement Enigmas were also given by Adelina, Appleton, I. Archer, John Ashcroft, James Ayres, J. Bayley, John Brooksbank, John Browne, Wm. Burdon, John Cavill, Wm. Charles, Geo. Cook, Jos. Cox, T. Crosbey, Jos. Daubney, Wm. Davis, James Dawson, John Fildes, G. Gibbs, O. G. Gregory, Hermes, Tho. Hornby, Jacobus, T. Jaques, Wm. Marriot, Paul Measor, Phil. Norris, Da. Robarts, Alex. Rowe, John Savage, Jos. Scott, and Miss A. Wood.

No. 8. Rebuses and Charades answered. 13

The Dish of Fish answered by Mr. Geo. Cook, of Everingham; addressed to the Author, Mr. Jones.

Go on, sweet bard, attune thy lays,
To sing thy friend, *Lysander's* praise,
While merit claims its due;
'Twill nicely suit each female wish,
While dark enig. wraps up each fish,
Such pleasing strains by you.

First *Perch*, then *Carp*, delicious *Chub*,
With *Gudgeon*, *Eel*, and *Pike*, as good,
By fancy dress'd so neat;
Ah! were it mine, poetic fire
Shou'd sweep the loud resounding lyre,
And tell how rich the treat.

The Same answered by Mr. Wm. Marriot, of Neath.

Friend Jones, I must admire your dish
Of well selected English fish;
The *Perch*, the *Carp*, and *Eel* in store,
And tickling *Chub*,—what would ye more?
But still to make you more inclin'd,
The *Gudgeon* and the *Pike's* subjoin'd.——
Suppose we do, by way of grace,
Some bottles on the table place;
If you invite me, then I'll dine
With you and friends on fish and wine.

Answers to the Dish of Fish were also given by Messieurs James Ayres, John Browne, W. C. John Cavill, Joseph Daubney, Samuel Harvey, Rd. Humber, T. Jaques, Alex. Rowe, John Savage, Jos. Scott, Miss A. T, and a young Angler.

ANSWERS to the REBUSES and CHARADES.

In the Diary.		In the Supplement.	
Rebuses.	Charades.	Rebuses.	Charades.
1 Gulson	1 Teacup	1 Stainton-vale	1 Tombstone
2 Bearcroft	2 Bridegroom	2 London	2 Rainbow
3 Love	3 Teapot	3 Hughes	3 Wedlock
4 Smile or Hornpipe	4 Deathwatch	4 Truswell	4 Cartridge.

Other Answers to the Diary Rebuses &c, beside those in the Diary.

10. By Mr. Philip Norris.

Could Smiling Miss *Gulson* young *Bearcroft* approve
As a *Bridegroom*, he'd ever be faithful in *Love*;
United in wedlock she'd never want store,
Nor *Teapots* nor *Teacups* of porcelain ware;
Till *Death*, who o'er mortals has still *Watchful* eye,
No rancor might 'twixt them sweet concord destroy.

11. *The Rural Bridal*; by Mr. John Rimmer, of Liverpool.

With gentler murmurs flow ye streams,
 Ye feather'd choirs exalt your themes,
 Ye sighing zephyrs breathe more sweet,
 To make this blissful scene complete.
 More harmonious sound the flute,
 Now let no instrument be mute;
 Let care and sorrow hence remove,
 And in this bow'r be nought but *Love*.
 For see the *Bridegroom* and the bride,
Bearcroft and *Gulson*, side by side,
 Advance; the crowd with shouts bespeak
 Their joy, and *Smiles* adorn each cheek.
 Now fruits of ev'ry sort appear,
Teapot and *cups* are likewise here,
 T'accommodate the fair with tea,
 Who sit and chat in social glee.
 Till night, as envious of their joys,
 In sable vesture shrouds the skies.
 The feast thus o'er, withdrawn each guest,
 The happy pair retire to rest.
 No *Deathwatch* calls shall them annoy;
 Who live in peace, in peace shall die.

12. *Address to Eliza*; by *Lucius of the Grove*.

While *Bearcroft* sings with happy art,
 And *Gulson* charms her lover's heart,
 When seated by her side;
 Let me of fair *Eliza* sing,
 Tune in her praise the trembling string,
 Of British maids the pride.
 Form'd but for pleasures and delight,
 Graces and *Loves* in her unite,
 And give resistless pow'rs;
 O wou'd she deign to be my wife,
 How happy then would be my life,
 How blest wou'd pass the hours!
 Th' enraptur'd *Bridegroom* I shou'd be,
 My lovely maid, possess'd of thee,
 Dear *Phenix* of the isle;
Teapots and *cups* to please my fair,
 I'd buy, and ribbons for her hair,
 To win a placid *Smile*.
 The gloomy ev'nings swift shou'd pass,
 Enliven'd by the chearful glass,
 To drive dull care away;
 No tinkling *Deathwatch* to affright,
 Lock'd in my arms the live-long night,
 Then rise to hail the day.

SUPPL. REBUSES, CHARADES, &c, ANSWERED.

1. *The Wish; by Mr. James Ayres.*

Grant me, ye powers, a bosom friend,
Like her of *Stainton Vale*,
In *Wedlock's* hands to join our hands,
And *Hughes* shall sign and seal.
The noted *Truswell* we'll invite;
His flights poetic shine;
Selected few will add delight,
When *Betsey* shall be mine.
Our home repast perhaps may like;
At least these I shall sketch;
An *Eel*, *Carp*, *Gudgeon*, *Chub*, and *Pike*,
Compose our treat, with *Perch*.
Some humble cot in village sweet,
Far from *City's* busy scene,
Shall be our choice; that calm retreat,
Of joy and peace serene.
Where rustic *Tombstones* call to view,
As *Rainbow* fair appears,
How nymphs were constant, swains were true,
Whilst in this vale of tears.

2. *By Mr. Geo. Cook, of Everingham, Yorkshire.*

At *Stainton Vale* there lives a fair,
Whose *Brilliant* cheek, and graceful air,
May claim the lays of *Hughes*;
And when to *Wedlock* she's inclin'd,
May Hymen bless her virtuous mind,
And give the maid her dues.
Let no rude Clown, or *London* rake,
As *Gravestone* dull, with her partake,
Or share the marriage joys;
But let him be some honest swain,
As *Cartridge* brisk, who hopes to gain
The heart of Betty Boys.

3. *By Mr. Samuel Harvey, of Lyme.*

If *Truswell* and *Hughes* in the country will dine,
I'll treat them with fish and a bottle of wine;
I have *Gudgeons* and *Chubs*, besides *Eel* and *Dart*,
And if I mistake not, some *Perch* and some *Carp*.
Then we'll chat about *London*, or sweet *Stainton Vale*,
Make *Cartridge* or *Wedlock* the theme of our tale;
Then a walk we may take, in the meadows so gay,
To view the bright colours that *Rainbows* display;
And when evening approaches, we'll homeward repair,
Make verses on *Gravestone*, and send it next year.

4. *The Same, by Jacobus of Norwich.*

Those who a fishing go, will find
In Nen's pure stream much pleasure;
But must confess, I'm not inclin'd
To fish; nor have I leisure.

Therefore let those who love the sport,
To Nen's sweet banks repair;
Let *Hughes* and *Truswell* there resort,
And *Carp* and *Pike* ensnare.

Let them the treach'rous hook well bait,
And take *Chubs*, *Eel*, or *Perch*,
With *Gudgeons* too if they await,
And think them worth their search.

Then let them haste to *Stainton Vale*,
To meet some *London* friend,
And on their scaly fry regale,
Or else as presents send.

There Lady Di's charades to shew,
A *Gravestone* bring to view,
A *Cartridge*, *Wedlock*, and *Rainbow*,
Disclose them all.—Adieu.

5. *The Same, by Mr. T. Jaques.*

Can London shew a wit so smart,
As her of *Stainton Vale*;
Truswell or *Hughes*, with all their art,
E'er tell so fine a tale?

Though they on *Tombstone*, *Rainbow* sing,
Or *Cartridge* e'er so sweetly;
She on love, *Wedlock*, any thing,
Can touch it far more neatly.

6. *The Same, by Mrs. Alethea Wilhelmina Maken.*

Oh! what can *London's* joys avail,
Or all the charms of *Stainton Vale*!
Since *Damon* false has prov'd:
Not *Hughes* nor *Truswell*, bards sublime,
With all their wit and tuneful rhyme,
Can make this life belov'd!

No treat of fish my mind can ease,
Nor thoughts of *Wedlock* longer please,
Nor *Rainbow's* tints delight:
For as the *Cartridge* brings relief,
So shall the *Gravestone* close my grief,
In everlasting night.

No. 8. Rebuses and Charades answered. 17

7. *The same, by Mr. John Rimmer, of Liverpool.*

Thy Dish of Fish, sweet Hayford bard,
Is most deliciously prepar'd ;
Not carnal tastes to gratify,
Who place in eating all their joy.
But mental, such as tuneful *Hughes*,
Nor *Truswell* ever could refuse.
'Tis not for coxcombs of the *Town* ;
With them it scarcely will go down.
But that fair maid of *Stainton Vale*,
To please I'm sure it cannot fail ;
She sings with so much art and ease,
That even *Gravestones* learn to please :
From her they seem, it is allow'd,
Like *Rainbows* in a gloomy cloud.
Happy, thrice happy is that swain,
Who shall her hand in *Wedlock* gain !
But cease, my muse, lest I be found
To trespass on forbidden ground ;
For rather than offend the fair,
By *Venus* and her doves I swear,
This paper I'd in fragments tear ;
Of which the largest part I'd take,
And speedily a *Cartridge* make,
Which should contain a deadly ball,
And by my own right hand I'd fall.

8. *Address to Mr. W. Wardley; by Mr. Tho. R. Smart, London.*

As late I wander'd thro' the leafy glade,
Sweet rural scene where erst so oft we stray'd,
Bright shone the moon, while zephyr's gentle breeze
Embalm'd the air, and play'd among the trees ;
Thro' contemplation's fertile paths I ran,
And memory this retrospect began.

How blest the time when, seated in a bow'r,
We spent the pleasing the delightful hour ;
Or, more at large, we chose o'er plains to rove ;
Peaceful retreat of innocence and love.
Far from the noise of mad-brain'd war's career,
No murderous *Cartridge* spreads destruction there.
Or on *Soar's* banks, whose waters gently flow,
Where whisp'ring reeds and weeping willows grow,
Whose curling waves with store of fish abound ;
There *Perch* and *Gudgeon*, *Carp* and *Cbub* are found ;
The *Pike*, the tyrant of the little fry,
And twining *Eels*, on muddy bottoms lie ;
Sweet converse pass'd the rolling hours along,
Admir'd the verse by *Hughes* and *Truswell* sung ;

With rapture listen'd to fair Harpur's tale,
 Eliza's lay, and that from *Stainton Vale* :
 Or rapt in clouds forsook the earth below,
 And view'd the maker thro' the lofty *Bow* :
 Unknown to care, from *Wedlock's* fetters free.
 Who then so happy, blythe and gay as we :—

But now alas ! those interviews are o'er,
 Those entertaining scenes must charm no more :
 To you 'tis giv'n by fate once more to view
 Your much lov'd *Eaton*, and your bliss renew ;
 While I alas ! my native place forego,
 For *London's* scenes of folly, vice and show ;
 At distance we our common loss deplore,
 Our faithful friend *Philander* is no more ;
 No more his wit as heretofore shall charm,
 The friends of *Di*, and every bosom warm ;
 Untimely lost, bright miracle of truth,
 The *Tombstone* covers what was late the youth.

Yet thro' the gloom a ray of hope appears,
 And brighter prospects for my future years,
 With health and vigour blest, in life's gay morn,
 Creative fancy sees my joys return ;
 The social minutes then shall swiftly move,
 And generous friendship, and the sweets of love,
 To smooth the passage thro' life's devious way,
 And the calm evening crown the busy day.

9. Address to *Emma* ; by *A. Wood*, of *Liverpool*.

Tho' *Emma*, you more charms display,
 Than can the *Rainbow's* brightest ray,
 And mean ere long in *Wedlock's* bands,
 With *Mr. Cartridge* to join hands ;
 Remember you at last must die,
 And underneath a *Gravestone* lie !
 Make virtue then your constant care,
 That bliss eternal you may share.

Various other ingenious answers to the Riddles, Charades, &c, were given by the following ladies and gentlemen, viz. Adelina, Appleton, I. Archer, John Asbcroft, J. Bayley, Betty Boys, John Brooksbank, John Browne, John Cavill, Wm. Charles Dalion, Joseph Daubney, Wm. Davis, James Davison, Ol. G. Gregory, Tho. Hornby, Wm Marriot, Paul Measor, Phil. Norris, Alex. Rowe, John Savage, and Jos. Scott.

ANSWERS to the DIARY QUERIES.

DIARY QUERY 4 answered by *Miss Nanny Dent*.

Ill nature undoubtedly must prove a greater bar to conjugal felicity than bodily deformity. For whenever ill nature is planted in the breast of a partner, it occasions continual discord at home, and often much disturbance and variance with rela-

tions and benefactors abroad. Whereas bodily deformity, though not so agreeable to the eye, yet if found with a sweetness of temper, must be more productive of domestic happiness than the former: and in my opinion can be no bar at all to the pleasures of the marriage state.

Miss Nancy Mason says, I think there is nothing can be a greater bar to the happiness of the married state than ill nature. For if a person have ever so genteel an appearance, and be ever so beautiful, yet if ill-nature have taken deep root under a fair outside, beauty, becoming familiar, will soon lose all its charms, and will no longer have the power of attraction; but ill-nature, by continual jarrings and disagreements, will expel all happiness, and instead of it implant discontent, uneasiness, and misery; while, on the other hand, good nature, though accompanied with bodily deformities, by its mild disposition will banish all discord and variance, and ensure a lasting love and affection.

Mr. John Savage says, I am of opinion that ill-nature would be the greater bar. For deformity would be known to the other party before they were joined in wedlock, and if they had a real affection for each other then, I think it could not diminish after, because deformity becomes more agreeable with longer acquaintance.

Miss A. T. of London Wall, says, Ill-nature I think must certainly be a greater bar to connubial happiness, than bodily deformity. For a deformed person may render himself agreeable by his good temper. But an elegant shape will not render ill nature agreeable. Besides, it does not lie in the power of the deformed person to alter himself; as it does in the ill-natured one to correct his temper. This alone is sufficient to decide this query.

The SUPPLEMENT QUERIES ANSWERED.

SUP. QU. I answered by Mr. Ralph Burton, of Salton.

By experiments in Electricity, all bodies abounding with earthy particles, and especially if they are sulphureous, and their parts sufficiently agitated, do emit light, in whatever way the agitation is effected. Thus, sea-water shines in a storm; quick-silver when shaken in vacuo; cats or horses when rubbed in the dark; and wood, fish, or flesh when putrefied. Perhaps the light is more conspicuous upon black, than upon coloured bodies; as the pencils of electric fire are best seen in a dark room.

The Same answered by Mr. Thomas Crosby.

By stroking cats in the dark the electrical effluvia with which they abound is very much excited, and so begins to make its appearance by rushing up the animals' hairs, as up so

many rods into the unelectric body; as lightning does from an electric cloud to an unelectric one, causing what we call northern lights. But it may be observed that this phenomenon is not applicable to cats only, as horses when curried in the dark emit like sparks, though not so copiously.

The Same also answered by Hermes.

The cause seems to originate with the electric fluid, which all bodies contain, and with which the hair in particular appears to abound. This being excited by friction, in stroking the back of the cat, displays itself in the form of luminous sparkles. The same may be observed of most animals, when their coats are rubbed, which must be done with the grain of the hair. I have remarked, that the hair of horses in a dark night, when under the hands of the groom, has emitted a considerable quantity of this luminous matter, which appeared in long streams, or lines, answering to the teeth of the curry comb.

SUP. QU. 2 answered by Mr. Thomas Crosby.

Though there are evident vestiges of volcanoes, almost over the whole face of the globe, yet their causes and use seem the most difficult to be accounted for, of any phenomenon in nature. It is generally allowed however, that there has always existed in the earth the fluid called electric, which is not only the cause of volcanoes, but of earthquakes, islands, mountains, and even of air itself.—From hence it is easy to deduce the great utility that volcanoes are of, in giving vent to the vast quantities of electric matter that the earth is at different times charged with, which might otherwise render it totally uninhabitable, if not dangerous to its frame altogether. These serve as a kind of funnels, to vent the fire and vapour that might otherwise cause dreadful havock, convulsions and earthquakes. Indeed there is scarce any part of the earth affected with earthquakes, but has one of these fiery mouths which are commonly found in flames whenever earthquakes happen, and which soon disgorge that fire and vapour from within the earth's bowels, which was the cause of the awful disaster.

Jacobus of Norwich says, Volcanoes and fiery mountains have their peculiar uses, being a sort of funnel or vent to disgorge the fire and vapour contained in the bowels of the earth, which but for such vent would make more dreadful havock by continual earthquakes. And if a central fire is admitted, they are absolutely necessary for the preservation of the earth. And as long as the fire contained in the earth rages under these mountains, they throw out their eruptions; but cease when the subterranean fire is exhausted. And,

Hermes, of Yeddingham, says, It may be observed, by what we can gather from the relations of travellers, and the informations of geographers, that volcanoes are most frequently situated

in or near those regions, which the nature of their subterraneous conformation, or other internal causes, have subjected to the destructive ravages of earthquakes. It therefore seems very probable, that they operate as vents, or conductors, which carry off the inflamed matter, that being pent up in the bowels of the earth, by its force and activity, produces those dreadful concussions.

SUP. QU. 3 answered by Mr. Ralph Burton, of Salton.

Limestone, by a chemical analysis, is found to be a composition of sand, calcareous earth, water, and fixed air. By the force of fire it is deprived of the water and air in the proportion of one half of its weight nearly, and is then called quicklime. By some late experiments it is proved, that if a clod of lime be kept in very dry air, it will gradually imbibe it, recover its weight, and in time become limestone again as originally. But if exposed to a very humid air, or water be poured upon it, the attraction is so sudden and violent, as to cause an ebullition and break the clod to powder.

The same by Hermes.—Water is a proper menstruum, in which all salts undergo solution. As soon therefore as water is poured upon quicklime, it penetrates the pores of the calx, and dissolves the nitrous particles which are in it. The saline particles being thus separated from the more solid parts, the force of cohesion is consequently subverted, and the calx falls in pieces and crumbles to powder.

The same also by Mr. John Ross.—The constituent parts of lime, are earth and fixed air. Now water is well known to have a strong affinity with fixed air: which water therefore being applied to the burnt limestone, absorbs the fixed air contained in it, and leaves the remaining constituent, the earth, in the form of a powder.

SUP. QU. 4 answered by Mr. Philip Norris, of Liverpool.

That flints have originally been in a soft, slimy, gelatinous, or mucilaginous state, seems obvious, and I think quite reasonable, from their appearance to the eye; and therefore I am inclined to believe, that by some such violent means as I shall endeavour to explain, they first became united, compact, and solid. As from the vitriolic or muriatic acids (with which their original state must have been replete) being evaporated and expelled by the action of fire, effluvia or other combustible matter pent up, uniting and taking fire in the bowels of the earth; by which means, being reduced to a fermentation and state of vitrification; and meeting suddenly with some acid, dense and damp vapours, so as to cool the former, before the more subtle fiery particles could have time to distil from the grosser or calcareous parts, and unite in a solid compact mass beneath them. For by being thus suddenly cooled, they may

be supposed to have rushed together with such violence, by their extreme attraction, when in that state, that they have thereby formed irregular nodules: whilst by their violent attraction and adhesive parts, it may be imagined they must have drawn the grosser or calcareous parts around them, and as suddenly became hardened and imbedded in them, as we find them in their native strata, chalk, &c.

The same otherwise answered by Mr. Tho. Ridout, of Canterbury.

As that great and glorious luminary the sun was originally the cause of all fluidity, so is it also, by the powerful operation and constant influence of its beams, the great cause of all solidity; there is not a single solid substance on the globe, but what on examination exhibits demonstrative proofs of its original fluidity. The very external form of flints sufficiently indicates the yielding nature of their original materials. Some naturalists have on this account attributed their origin to fusion; but a more minute examination of some accidental appearances, shews the absurdity of this opinion, (not to mention that the heat required to melt a flint, would have vitrified or consumed almost every other terrestrial substance). I have some specimens of flint in my possession, which prove that they were formed since the earth has obtained its present temperature, by their having on them the impressions of animal and vegetable forms. On breaking a large one, I found a complete muscle in its centre: on another large black one I have a fine cockle, half buried in its substance, the other half rising beautifully above its surface, the flinty fluid having penetrated the minute pores of the shell, as mercury will those of gold, so that it now appears an intire flint, in which the finest veins or ribs of the cockle are as perfect as those on the living animal. I had also another cockle into which the flinty matter had run, and separated the shells above half an inch at the fore part, and filled up the concavity between them with fine black flint; but the outside of the shells retained their original colour: although the substance of them seemed to be thoroughly penetrated by the subtle fluid, which by *condensation* produced the flint.

Various ingenious answers to the Queries, both in the Diary and Supplement, were given by Messieurs James Ayres, John Brooksbank, John Burrow, Ra. Burton, John Chapman, Tho. Coulson, Thomas Croftbey, Thomas Davis, Miss Nanny Dent, Rev. Mr. Ewbank, Hermes, T. Hewitt, Thomas Hornby, Jacobus, I. Liddell, Miss Nancy Mason, Paul Measer, Philip Norris, Thomas Ridout, John Ross, Alex. Rowe, John Savage, Miss A. T, Rev. S. Vince, and Geo. Webb.

NEW ENIGMAS.

I. ENIGMA, *by Oedipus.*

Long may my name adorn Britannia's isle,
 Pervade the lowly cot and stately pile;
 May I like sol enliven ev'ry state,
 And stand immutable, as fixt as fate,
 Wide as creation's space my works display,
 And shine for ever in the blaze of day.

Of vice or virtue known to power and pride,
 In each I always am their boasted guide;
 Whether to punish or to sanction ill,
 I am, oh strange to tell, the pretext still.
 In peace or war all kneel before my shrine,
 And in my name invoke the powers divine.
 The grasping tyrant, by ambition fir'd,
 Proclaims, his actions are by me inspir'd:
 When death and horror stalk throughout the land,
 And desolation spreads at his command;
 In ev'ry shape fell vice to me lays claim,
 And bloodiest actions still usurp my name.

Tho' oft perverted by deceit and art,
 Yet I'm implanted in the gen'rous heart;
 Where'er I reign, the injur'd I redress,
 And succour innocence in deep distress.
 In me each virtue shines supremely bright;
 I'm made for all, and unconfin'd as light;
 I concord breathe, and universal love,
 An emanation from the realms above.

II. ENIGMA, *by Mr. S. Oliver, Master of the Academy,
 Lutterworth.*

Ye heaven-born cherubs of creation,
 Man's solace while in his probation;
 Whose pulchritude our mis'ry cheers,
 Smoothing his rugged vale of tears;
 Say, what am I, in magic hands,
 That binds your will in sacred bands,
 Transforming you to diff'rent creatures?

I claim dominion o'er your features,
 Command each glowing cheek to shine:—
 Charming before; you're now divine!

When the magician's rites begin,
 By me he changes venial sin
 To strongest acts of human duty;
 That add peculiar grace to beauty.

Witches and wizards, records tell,
 Enchant with circle, wand, or spell;

A circle I, by necromancy
 Enchant, enrapture female fancy;
 Whose lovely limbs in me confin'd,
 Bring joys celestial to the mind.
 Tho' plain, in modest garb attir'd;
 By you am always much admir'd:
 Not all the gems of India's coast,
 Not all the gold Peru can boast,
 Not all the treasures land and sea
 Produce, can e'er compare with me:
 Although I'm not the virgin zone;
 I'm th' richest, purest blessing known.
 Next year inform us what we find,
 Gives blifs substantial to mankind.

III. ENIGMA, by *Philo.*

Ladies, pray let a friend your favours share,
 While I my worth and usefulness declare;
 For ages past I've been in Britain known,
 But Greece nor Rome e'er claim'd me as her own,
 Yet I to wealth and power am near ally'd;
 And where stern war appears I may be spy'd;
 Yea, when contending nations poise the spear,
 Or sound the trumpet, I begin the war:
 But when the strife is o'er and battles cease,
 I never do disturb the public peace.
 If e'er your spouses chance to go astray,
 You may be sure 'twas I that led the way;
 Yet blame not me, for tho' I lead their will,
 I never was concern'd in any ill;
 Nay, I so highly am esteem'd by you,
 You're always pleas'd to have me in your view.
 Take one hint more, and then farewell I cry,
 As Cerb'rus three heads had, e'en so have I.

IV. ENIGMA, by *Mr. Wm. Rayner, Aylsham, Norfolk.*

I was so hidden once, as if lost in the ground,
 That tho' Adam search'd for me, I could not be found;
 And yet, what was strange, as form'd by a charm,
 I was and am still but just under his arm:
 And when I was found, appear'd such a nice being,
 That men do in general think me worth seeing:
 Yet they say I'm a mixture of good and of evil,
 As meek as a lamb, and as proud as a devil.
 Some will have it, I'm constant and true as the sun;
 And changeable some as his sister the moon.
 I am weak; yet Diogenes laugh'd at the scene,
 When I twisted the neck of the giant in green:

And Sampson, tho' bony, broad-shoulder'd, and high,
 I caught and kept fast in the wink of an eye.
 But for keeping of secrets, they say it's well-known,
 I'm so weak and so leaky, I can't keep my own.
 Yet frail as I am, sir, I guess in your fun,
 As few are like me, you have wish'd to have one;
 And, for which peradventure, you'll fancy me more,
 I have not, that I know of, been riddled before.

V. ENIGMA, *by Miss Single.*

Dear Ladies excuse me, a small space I crave,
 By the editor's leave in your Diary to have ;
 Or grant me the favour, I hope he'll consent,
 If worthy, a place in your fam'd Supplement.
 I declare I will venture, it's really my plan,
 To please both the ladies and gents if I can.
 Behold now I come, if admittance I find,
 Supporting my train is young Cupid behind ;
 Tho' blithe are his looks, you wou'd soon plainly see,
 His arrows obtuse, if it were not for me ;
 Nay, but for my aid that such beauty doth show,
 His quiver suspended, relaxed his bow.—

Believe me ye fair ones this is not the case,
 For I can adorn the most beautiful face ;
 Or if you're not handsome, can make it appear,
 Do greatly improve when my presence is near ;
 I dispell gloomy sorrow away from the brow,
 And the mind tranquillize, for I wonders can do.
 May I always attend you, and you me carefs,
 Is sincerely the wish of the young poetess ;
 A cheerful companion you'll find me it's true,
 Obsequiously ladies I bid you adieu.

VI. ENIGMA, *by Mr. Tho. R. Smart, London.*

Fair friends of Di, in mystic guise,
 Most like poetic fiction,
 A thing begs leave to meet your eyes,
 Made up of contradiction.

Form'd by a wretch in tatters dress,
 Of wants and woes partaker,
 Yet many a good and pious priest
 Has oft been deem'd my maker.

My place of birth a straw-thatch'd shed,
 Where sons of care resort,
 Spring often from a royal head,
 And finish'd in a court.

When dire Bellona rears her shield,
 And thund'ring cannons roar,
 Perhaps I'm made—the victors yield,
 And banish'd peace restore.

When peace and plenty fill the land,
 And jocund pleasure reigns,
 My influence lights the flaming brand,
 And desolates the plains.

Where ocean rolls his ridgy stores,
 And waves on waves appear,
 Full many a ship from foreign shores,
 Unsought, has found me there.

When James the first wore Britain's crown,
 As hist'ries all agree,
 Fawkes, who design'd to pull him down,
 Hop'd for success from me.

Sweet mutual love oft ends in me,
 I fit the purpose well,
 Yet am when us'd, as all agree,
 Fit emblem of a hell.

Great monarchs form me by their skill,
 And rest upon my aid,
 Yet I am subject to the will
 Of every kitchen maid.

I'm clad in white, of foreign kind,
 A slender sprightly elf;
 Ladies, ere you my name can find,
 You must become myself.

VII. ENIGMA, *by Sphinx.*

Two centuries or more have pass'd away,
 Since first I gladden'd the fair face of day;
 At my auspicious coming, darkness fled;
 I cheer'd the living, and I rais'd the dead;
 And tho' my breast soft pity never moves,
 I do the deeds that charity approves;
 To thousands I dispense their daily food,
 Chastise the guilty, and reward the good;
 And still for every loan that I receive,
 Interest a hundred fold at least I give.
 Mean while these contradictions you may trace:
 I range the world, and never quit my place;
 And tho' of virtues I may fairly boast,
 The virtuous often rue me to their cost.
 Children I have, some infants, some full grown,
 And some their fathers are not pleas'd to own;

Each with an ample portion is endow'd,
 By wretched me, with many a groan bestow'd;
 But still no sooner has he spent his store,
 Than lo! the prodigal returns for more;
 Hard case you'll own, attended with this curse,
 That all your favour will but make it worse;
 For the more kind attention you bestow,
 The more you force me to renew my woe.

VIII. or PRIZE ENIGMA, by Mr. J. Stafford, of Bingham.

[Whoever answers it before Feb. 2, has a chance, by lot, for
Ten Supplements.]

When to mankind stern fate the mandate gave,
 That I to serve them should my mother leave,
 The cruel deed her tender heart alarms,
 For they relentless tore me from her arms.—
 Ere this ye fair, like you in tender years,
 Paternal kindness soften'd all my cares;
 Fed by her side, I liv'd 'midst thousands more,
 And noon-day heat or midnight tempests bore.

By yonder copse where willows form a shade,
 In deep reflection 'neath its drooping head,
 See the fond youth, while seated by his fair,
 Try all the arts that thoughtless minds insnare:
 Here at my nod a swift sojourner see,
 Come with reluctance to captivity.

Descend the dreary vault, whose arched mound
 Reverberates again in doleful sound;
 Along its massy walls that time defy,
 The tongue or tread of curiosity;
 There in the dust see laid a noble race,
 Who boast of title,—before lords take place;
 Here as a centinel to stand I'm doom'd,
 Oft in a shining helmet, o'er th' entomb'd;
 Intrench'd so deep as scarcely to appear;
 Compel'd perhaps my general's arms to bear.
 You'll say my charge with Gallus's may vie,
 For know, if I by chance my duty fly,
 Legions of captives soon, a ghastly train,
 Rush forth, and wild disorder holds her reign;
 Revel at will aloft in dampy air,
 Or on the earth run forth their mad career;
 Till weakness urge its feeble force in vain,
 Then down they sink, ne'er more to rise again.—

So when the lark,—the tale in Esop see—
 (So pleasing is the air of liberty,)
 Found no impediment its charms to share,
 From cage confinement hung in open air,

She up aloft on freedom's pinions rose;—
 But soon impending storms her flight oppose;
 Baffle the feeble strength with which she flies,
 To earth impels her, where she falls—and dies.

But great indeed my services you'll find,
 For know, I oft thro' life support mankind.

Now, gents, a fam'd physician tell from hence,
 Who—tho' beneath his care you may deplore
 A friend departed, and of consequence—
 Can oft to life again the dead restore.

NEW REBUSES, CHARADES, and QUERIES.

I. REBUS, by *Jacobus of Norwich.*

The city famous once for arts and arms;
 He who to soothe the savage beast had charms;
 He who a Deity, believes there's none;
 To what mankind are all by nature prone;
 The place where noble Hector's blood was spill'd;
 The walls that queen Semiramis did build;
 Heav'n's fav'rite bird that soars up to the skies;
 The heathens' blissful realms or paradise;
 And what more welcome to the human mind,
 Than that, which is most difficult to find.—
 The initials join, a name you will explore,
 That jolly Britons boast of, and adore.

II. REBUS, by *Mr. John Savage, of Smithalong grove near Worcester.*

The time when orient Sol doth rise;
 A kind of fruit we all revere;
 What Gripus more than life doth prize;
 What we with blooming spring compare;
 The place where vessels oft are bound;
 And what encompasses us round;
 The tuneful herald of the morn;
 What's often changing, still the same;
 And she who died, tho' never born;
 What should our warmest wishes claim.—
 Th' initials join'd, will name a fair,
 Whom I sincerely do revere.

III. REBUS, by *Timothy Sensible.*

Take two-thirds of an insect renown'd for its care,
 And a colour revers'd, add unto it ye fair;
 Then take what a father with pleasure beholds;
 Join all these together, and then it unfolds
 The name of a damsel as blythe as the morn,
 Whose wit and good nature her sex do adorn:

In whose presence we're happy and chearful and gay,
And never consider how time steals away.

IV. REBUS, by Mr. John Wheeler, of St. Austell.

Say first what urg'd old Orpheus down

To Pluto's black domain;

And next a Grecian chief explore,

Who was by Paris slain.

What oft times in yon troubled sky

Predicts the coming shower;

And what young Strephon gave his fair,

When seated in yon bower.

The initials will, if you combine,

A songster's name descry;

Whose rapturous notes, and pleasing strains,

Re-echo to the sky.

I. CHARADE, by Adelina.

Kind harbinger of wearied nature's friend,

See from her ebony throne my First descend;

A solemn stillness follows where she treads,

And all around my gloomy Next she spreads:

Caution the youth my fatal Third to shun,

Lest like poor Eve he tastes and is undone.

II. CHARADE, by Mr. Rich. Denning, Chardstock, Dorset.

With Boreas from the fullen north,

My First does often sally forth;

My Next, when air is keen and smart,

Is seen to grace your foremost part,

Or in the mild and tranquil morn,

The ragged briar may adorn:

Now tell my Whole, and then you'll see

The first of Flora's progeny.

III. CHARADE, by the Rev. Mr. Ewbank, of Thornton Steward.

My First, lovely ladies, may please or offend:

My Next is well known, and esteem'd as a friend:

My Whole either pleasure or grief may impart;

May soothe and delight, or give pain to the heart.

IV. CHARADE, by Mr. John Fildes, Schoolmaster, Liverpool.

In both town and country my First's daily made;

My Second is neither before nor behind;

My Whole is a place where much mirth is display'd,

A warm snug retreat from a wintry wind.

I. QUERY, by Mr. Richard Elliott, Liverpool.

When several persons are in a coach, and draw up the glasses, it is observed that these become so covered with dew, that they can scarce be seen through : but when that is once wiped off, there is seldom any more dew gathers upon the glass, but it mostly continues transparent. And the like happens to a decanter of fresh cold water, when first brought into a warm room, the outside becomes wet and covered with dew ; but little or none returning after this is once wiped off.

II. QUERY, by Mr. Tho. Hornby, Wimbeldon.

On Saturday, November 17, 1792, about six o'clock in the morning, I observed a rainbow in the north-west quarter about 30 degrees high. Quere how can any philosophical reason be given, why this wonderful appearance was seen before sun rise ?

III. QUERY, by Oedipus.

Required the origin and true meaning of the old adage, " True Blue will never stain."

IV. QUERY, by Mr. I. Stainmore.

It seems a paradox, that people who are most affected and oppressed with seeing tragedy acted, are always most solicitous to see it performed ? Quere the reason.

Of the SOLAR and LUNAR ECLIPSES, &c, this Year.

There will happen this year four eclipses of the two great luminaries, viz. two of the Sun, and two of the Moon, but the two latter only are visible in these parts. They happen in the following order.

I. The Sun is eclipsed on Tuesday the 20th of January, at 9 min. past our 12 at night, consequently invisible, both to us, and all other parts of Europe. This eclipse is however central and annular in some parts of the earth, viz, central on the meridian, in the North Pacific Ocean, about $173\frac{1}{2}$ degrees longitude east, and $25\frac{1}{4}$ degrees north latitude. Consequently this will be a very great eclipse, at the Sandwich Isles, the Isles of Japan, with the Ladrone and Philippine Isles. However, along the track of central appearance, as the eclipse is annular, instead of an astonishing gloomy darkness, the spectators will be entertained with a splendid annulus or ring of light, encompassing the moon's dark body quite around her.

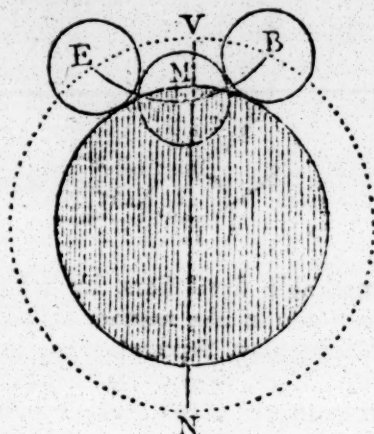
II. The second is a visible eclipse of the Moon, on Tuesday, Feb. 3. At the middle of this eclipse, the Moon is vertically over that part of the sandy deserts of Negroland in Africa, about 17 degrees north latitude, and 6 degrees west

longitude. It will therefore be visible quite through Africa and Europe, with the greatest part of America and the west parts of Asia. The time, duration, quantity, and appearance of this eclipse, for London or Greenwich, will be as in the following calculation and construction.

Calculation.

Beginning	-	10 ^h 59 ^m
Middle	-	12 25
Ecliptic opp.	-	12 32
End	-	13 51
Duration	-	2 52
Digits	-	7° 27'

In the construction, VN is a vertical circle; BE the visible way of the Moon, through a portion of the earth's shadow; B the Moon at the beginning of the Eclipse, M at the middle, and E at the end of it.



III. July 16, the third is another central eclipse of the Sun, on Thursday, July 16, at half past 7 in the morning; but not visible to any part of Europe, because the Moon then is in south latitude. But the eclipse will be central and total on the meridian, in the Indian ocean, a little to the north east of the island of Madagascar, about $64\frac{1}{2}$ degrees east longitude, and $10\frac{1}{2}$ degrees of south latitude. This eclipse will also be visible along the coast of Africa, to the Cape of Good Hope; and will extend to the western coast of New Holland.

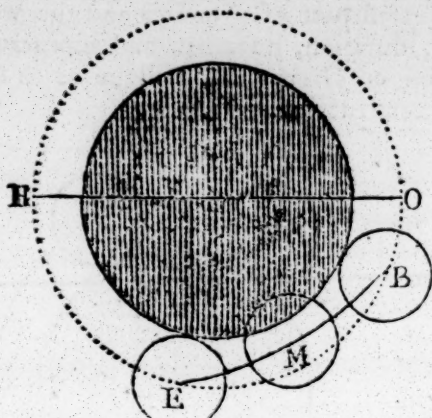
IV. The fourth and last is another partial eclipse of the Moon, on Friday, July 31, about three quarters past 7 in the morning. Part of it only will be visible here, because the Moon only rises about the middle of the eclipse. At that time the Moon is vertical to the east of the island of Madagascar, in $64\frac{1}{2}$ degrees east longitude, and 19 degrees south latitude. Hence the whole of this eclipse will be visible to the Philippine Isles, with the isles of Borneo, Sunda, Sumatra, and all New Holland, except the eastern coast; also to all Africa, and most part of Asia and Europe. This eclipse will be on the north limb of the Moon, and the calculation and construction, as in the scheme following, for London; where HO is the horizontal line, BME the visible path of the Moon's centre, B the beginning of the eclipse, M the middle, and E the end of it.

Calculation.

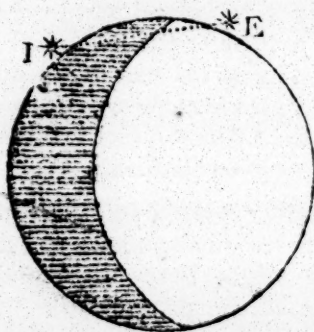
July 31, afternoon.

Beginning	-	6 ^h 46 ^m
Middle	-	7 42
Moon rises	-	7 46
End	-	8 38
Duration	-	1 52
Digits	-	2° 52'

Beside the foregoing eclipses of the great luminaries, the Sun and Moon, there will be several transits of the Moon, as usual, over



some of the more remarkable fixed stars, by which she will eclipse them. She will also in like manner eclipse the superior planet Jupiter, on Wednesday, September 23, in the evening, which will be visible here, if the weather prove favourable, the Moon being then nearly at her greatest height above the horizon. The appearance will be as in the annexed figure, where the white part of the circle represents the enlightened part of the Moon, and the shaded part the dark of her, at the time. I denotes



the place of the star's immersion, or where Jupiter is first hid by passing behind the eastern limb of the Moon, which is 6h. 4m. afternoon; and E is the Emer- sion, or place where Jupiter comes from behind the Moon on the western side, which is at 6h. 36m. apparent time, at London. It will be visible to the naked eye, but the help of a telescope will make the observation much more perfect and agreeable.

N. B. Letters that contain compositions for the Diary or Supplement, or both, to be sent before the beginning of May, addressed to Dr. Hutton, Woolwich, (post-paid, or they will not be received).—Some letters always come too late to be properly noticed.

ANSWERS to the MATHEMATICAL QUESTIONS proposed
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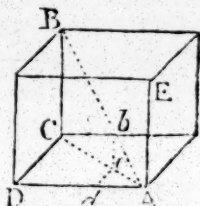
I. SUPP. QUESTION 37 answered by the Rev. Mr. Ewbank, of Thornton-Steward.

To the Editor.—Sir, If you please to insert the following solution, it will remind Mr. Pearson of a clergyman who, in an excursion to the north last summer, called upon him to take a walk to Tinemouth. It will also acquaint his boys to whom they were obliged that afternoon for play.

Solution.—Let $2x$, $3x$, and $4x$ be the height, breadth, and length of the school respectively. Then $\sqrt{9x^2 + 16x^2} = 5x$ is the diagonal of the school floor; and $\sqrt{25x^2 + 4x^2} = x\sqrt{29} = 26.9258$ per question. Hence $x = 5$. Consequently $2x = 10$, $3x = 15$, and $4x = 20$ feet, the dimensions of the room.

The same by Geometr. Constr.

Make $Ad = 4$, and dc (perp. to it) $= 3$; draw AcC , and perp. to the plane Adc raise $cb = 2$. Draw $AbB = 26.9258$. Draw BC parallel to bc , and CD parallel to cd ; so shall BC , CD , DA be the height, breadth, and length of the room $AEBCD$.



The same answered by Master Wm. Pye, at Mr. Pearson's School, North Shields.

Having given the construction nearly as above, he then gives the calculation thus: By Eucl. I. 47, $Ad^2 + dc^2 = Ac^2 = 25$, and $\sqrt{Ac^2 + cb^2} = Ab = \sqrt{29} = 5.38516$. Therefore, by similar triangles,

As $Ab : AB$ $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} Ad = 4 : AD = 20 \\ dc = 3 : DC = 15 \\ cb = 2 : CB = 10 \end{array} \right\}$ The dimensions of the room.
or $5.38516 : 26.9258$
or as $1 : 5 ::$

The same answered by Mr. James Measor, Brightbelmstone.

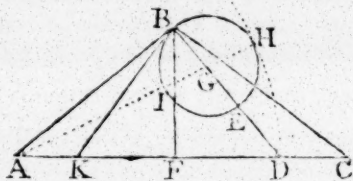
As 26.9258^2 is, by Eucl. I. 47, composed of three squares, whose roots are in the proportion of 2, 3, and 4, it follows that their squares must be in the ratio of 4, 9, and 16, whose sum is 29; hence this rule, as $\sqrt{29} : 26.9258 :: 2 : 10$ the height; hence the length is 20, and the breadth 15 feet.

Ingenious solutions to this question were also given by Messieurs Academicus, James Adams, W. Atkinson, Geo. Baron, Bengal Officer, John Bickford, Geo. Birkbeck, John Boyse, Edw. Bruce, John Bruce, Cha. Brady, John Bransby, Jos. Brewer, T. Bulmer, Wm. Burdon, Ra. Burton, Colin Campbell, John Cavill, John Craggs, Tho. Gram, Jos. Daubney, Wm. Davis, Da. Dimbleby, Rd. Elliott, L. Evans, J. Furnass, Jos. Gittins, John Haycock, T. Hewitt, Tho. Hornby,

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I. SUPP. QUESTION 38 answered by Mr. John Haycock, late of Ware, but now of Sevenoaks, Kent.

Construction. Take any line $AB = 806$, the shortest side of the triangle, and draw BD perpendicular to it; upon which take $BE = 426$, the longer distance from the middle tree, and upon which as a diameter describe the circle $BIEH$; through the centre of which draw $AIGH$, and apply $AD = AH$; through A and D draw ADC indefinitely, upon which let fall the perpendicular BF ; make $FK = 384$; join BK , and draw BC perp. to BK : so shall ABC be the triangle; and K, F, D , the three trees.—For $AB^2 = AH \times AI = AD \times AF$; but $AD = AH$; consequently $AF = AI$, and $FD = IH = 426$, the given distance.—The calculation gives $AC = 1309.3$, $BF = 514.2$, and the area $= 3$ Ac. 1 Ro. $18\frac{1}{2}$ Perches.



Exactly in the same manner is the Construction given by Mr. John Wright, of West Houghton School; who also adds the following Calculation:

$$AG = \sqrt{AB^2 + BG^2} = 833.67; \quad AD = AH = AG + BG = 1046.67; \quad AF = AD - DF = 620.67;$$

$$BD = \sqrt{AD^2 - AB^2} = 667.737; \quad \text{and } AD : BD :: AB : BF = 514.198; \quad \text{also } KF : BF :: BF : FC = 688.54; \quad \text{hence } AC = 1309.21, \quad \text{and } AC \times \frac{1}{2}BF = 336596.43 \text{ square links} \\ = 3 \text{ Ac. } 3 \text{ Ro. } 18\frac{1}{2} \text{ Perches.}$$

Ingenious constructions were also given by Mr. John Craggs and Mr. Richard Nicholson.

Algebraical Solution to the same, by Mr. Wm. Robinson, late of Alnwick.

Let ABC be the triangular field, and K, F, D , the places of the three trees upon the base or longest side. Then $AB = 806$, $KF = 384$, $FD = 426$; also ABD and KBC and F all right angles. Put $AK = x$; then $AD = x + 810$. Now because the triangles ABD and ABF are similar, it is $AF : AB :: AB : AD$, therefore $AF \times AD = AB^2$, that is $x + 384 \times x + 810 = 806^2$; which equation reduced gives $x = 236.66 = AK$. Therefor $AF = 620.66$; also $BF = \sqrt{AB^2 - AF^2}$

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$= 514.21$. Again by similar triangles $KF : FB :: FB : FC$
 $= 688.54$: hence $AF + FC = AC = 1309.2$; therefore
 $\frac{1}{2} AC \times BF = 336604$ square links $= 3$ Ac. 1 R. 18 Per.

Algebraic solutions were also given by Messieurs Academicus, James Adams, W. Atkinson, Geo. Baron, Bengal Officer, John Bickford, Geo. Birkbeck, Cha. Brady, John Bransby, Jos. Brewer, F. Bulmer, Wm. Burdon, Ra. Burton. Colin Campbell, John Cavill, Tho. Cram, Wm. Davis, Da. Dimpleby, Rd. Elliott, L. Evans, J. Ewbank, Geo. Foy, Jos. Gittins, Tho. Hornby, Rob. Houndall, J. Huthersal, J. Jackson, J. Knight, I. Liddell, Wm. Marriot, Nancy Mason, Ja. Measor, Paul Measor, Ja. Mulcaster, W. Pearson, Cha. Pritty, Geo. Robinson, John Ross, Alex. Rowe, young Sturge, John Taylor, M. Terry, Tho. Thompson, Hen. Wardlaw, Da. Whitehead, Rob. Wilkinon, and Tho. Woolston.

III. SUPP. QUESTION 39 answered by Miss Nancy Mason, Clapham, Yorkshire.

First $60\frac{1}{2}$ lb. $= 972.8$ ounces, and 6.553885 are the ounces in a cubic inch of lead, therefore $972.8 \div 6.553885 = 148.431$ are the cubic inches of lead in the pipe; also $148.431 \div 108$ inches length give 1.37436 the surface of the section of the solid lead. But as the thickness of it is $\frac{1}{2}$ of the hollow part, the double thickness is $\frac{1}{3}$ of the same, and therefore the diameter of both is $\frac{4}{3}$ of the hollow part, or they are to one another as 4 to 3, the squares of which are 16 and 9, whose difference is 7; consequently as $7 : 9 :: 1.37436 : 1.767034$ = the area of the circle of the hollow part; hence $1.767034 \div .7854 = 2.25$ is the square of its diameter, and $\sqrt{2.25} = 1.5$ or $1\frac{1}{2}$ is the diameter of the hollow part; hence $1\frac{1}{2} \div 6 = \frac{1}{4}$ of an inch, is the thickness of the lead, as required.

The same answered by Mr. John Bransby, of Ipswich.

Put x for the thickness of the lead; then $6x$ will be the diameter of the hollow part, and $8x$ the whole diameter of both. Hence (by Hutton's first rule for the areas of rings) $14x \times 2x \times .7854$ is the area of the ring of lead; which multiplied by the length 9 feet or 108 inches, gives $28x^2 \times .7854 \times 108$ for the solid content of the pipe $= 60.81b = 148.4325$ cubic inches, by the question; hence $x^2 = .0625$, and $x = .25$ or $\frac{1}{4}$ of an inch, the thickness of the lead; and consequently $\frac{1}{4} \times 6$ or $1\frac{1}{2}$ is the diameter of the tube.

The same, by Mr. J. Knight, Schoolmaster at Esher, Surry.

Put $n = .7854$, and x = the internal diameter; hence $\frac{4}{3}x$ is the external diameter; then $(\frac{4}{3}x)^2 - x^2 \times n = \frac{7}{9}nx^2$ is the area of the section or ring of the lead, and $\frac{7}{9}nx^2 \times 108 = 84nx^2$ is the solid inches of content. Now, by the table of Specific Gravity, pa. 283, Compendious Measurer, it will be, as $1728 : 11325 :: 84nx^2 : 432.379x^2$ is the weight of the lead

$= 972.8$ ounces by the question; consequently $x = \sqrt{\frac{972.8}{432.379}}$
 $= \sqrt{2.25} = 1.5$ or $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch, the diameter of the hollow part;
 the 6th part of which, or $\frac{1}{4}$ inch, is the thickness of the lead.

Ingenious answers were also given by Messieurs Academicus, Adams, Ashton, Baron, Bengal Officer, Bickford, Birkbeck, Boyse, Brady, Brewer, Bulmer, Burdon, Burton, Campbell, Cavill, Craggs, Cram, Davis, Elliott, L. Evans, T. S. Evans, Ewbank, Foy, Furnass, Gittins, Haycock, Hewitt, Hornby, Houndall, Huthersal, Jackson, Liddell, Marriot, Measor, Mulcaster, Nicholson, Pearson, Pritty, Robinson, Ross, Rowe, Sturge, Swain, Taylor, Terry, Thompson, Wardlaw, Whitehead, Wilkinson, and Wright.

IV. SUPP. QUESTION 40 answered by the proposer Miss Nancy Mason, of Clapham.

Weights and distances on steel-yards, from the fulcrums, to make them in equilibrio, are in reciprocal proportion; hence, as $2 : 30 :: 20\text{lb} : 300\text{lb}$, the weight of the wood and the liquor together; therefore $300 - 40 = 260\text{lb}$, or 4160 ounces, is the weight of the liquor; also $.574646$ oz. is the weight of a cubic inch of red wine; therefore $4160 \div .574646 = 7239$ inches is the content of it, which is $= 31$ gallons 2 quarts $1\frac{9}{11}$ pints, the quantity of wine the cask contains.

The same answered by Mr. Tho. Ridout, of Canterbury.

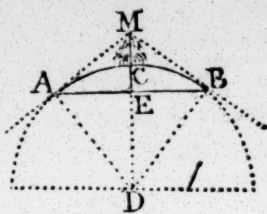
If two forces or weights act against each other on the arms of a lever, they will continue in equilibrio if their quantities are inversely as the distances between the point to which they are applied, and the point or fulcrum round which the lever turns; therefore by inverse proportion, as $2 : 30 :: 20 : 300\text{lb}$ $=$ the gross weight; from which take 40 for the tare of the cask, the remainder is 260lb , or 4160 ounces; which divided by $.5746 =$ the weight of one cubic inch of red wine, quotes 7238 cubic inches; and this divided by 231 , the cubic inches in one gallon, quotes 31.333 or $31\frac{1}{3}$ nearly gallons, the quantity of wine in the cask.

Answers to this question were also given by Messieurs Adams, Atkinson, Baron, Bengal Officer, Bickford, Birkbeck, Boyse, Brady, Bransby, Brewer, Bulmer, Burdon, Campbell, Cavill, Cullingworth, Craggs, Cram, Gundell, Davis, Elliott, L. Evans, T. S. Evans, Ewbank, Furnass, Haycock, Heaviside, Hewitt, Hornby, Huthersal, Jackson, Knight, Liddell, Marriot, J. Measor, P. Measor, Mulcaster, Nicholson, Pearson, Pritty, G. Robinson, Wm. Robinson, Ross, Rowe, Sturge, Taylor, Terry, Thompson, Whitehead, Wilkinson, and Wright.

V. SUPP. QUESTION 41 answered by Mr. Tho. Cram jun. Killingworth.

Let M be the summit of the mountain, and ABCE that part of the earth's surface seen when at M; also $DC = DB = 3978\frac{7}{8}$ miles, the radius of the earth, the circumference being

25000 miles, as in prob. 10, Hutton's
Menfuration, pa. 197 and 198, 2d edit.
and because, by the same, the surfaces
are as the heights or versed sines, also
the circumference multiplied by the dia-
meter gives the whole surface; therefore
as circumf. \times diam. is to diam. or as cir-


$$\text{cumf. : 1 :: } 900^2 : \frac{810000}{25000} = \frac{810}{25} = 32.4 \text{ miles} = \text{CE, upon}$$

supposition that the area that is seen is 900 miles square, or 810000 square miles, as is expressed by the words in the question. Then $DC - CE = DE$, and by similar triangles, $DE : DA :: DA : DM$; hence $DM - DC = CM = 32.6$ miles, the height of the mountain on that supposition; which is about 15 times as much as it can be.

On the other hand, if we suppose Sir Wm. Hamilton not mathematically accurate in his expressions, but that he meant 900 square miles, which are only equivalent to 30 miles square; then, by a similar process, the height MC will come out only $\frac{1}{1036}$ of a mile, or $63\frac{1}{3}$ yards, or 190 feet, which is as much below the real height, as the former is above it, that height, according to measurement, being generally accounted upwards of $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles, or 4000 yards, or 12000 feet. In no way therefore is the expression to be reconciled to any sort of precision.

*The same answered by Mr. I. Furness, of Heddon-on-the-
wall, near Newcastle.*

If we admit the earth's diameter $2AD = 7957\frac{1}{4}$ miles, the circumference will be 25000 nearly. Therefore (by Dr. Hutton's Mensuration as above), $900 \div 25000 = .036$ miles = CE, the versed sine of the segment; whence $DE = 3978.839$; then $DE : DC :: DC : DM = 3978.911$ miles; consequently $CM = DM - DC = .036$ miles = 63.36 yards, the mountain's height, on that supposition, viz. of 900 square miles being seen.

Other ingenious answers, all concurring with those above, were given by Messieurs Academicus, Adams, Baron, Bengal Officer, Bickjard, Birkbeck, Boyse, Brady, Bransby, Bulmer, Burdon, Burton, Campbell, Cavill, Craggs, Davis, Elliott, Haycock, Hewitt, Hornby, Huthersal, Jackson, Knight, Liddell, Marriot, James Measor, Paul Measor, Nicholson, Pearson, Ridsout, Geo Robinson, Wm. Robinson, Ross, Rowe, Taylor, John Thompson, Tho. Thompson, Wilkinson, and Wright.

VI. SUPP. QUESTION 42 answered by Mr. Cha. Brady.

Suppose P the required point in the line CF joining the centres C, F, of the earth and moon; PB, PD tangents at B and D, and BH, DK, perpendiculars to CF.—Put CB (3979) = a , DF (1085) = b , CF (60a) = c , CP = x , and FP = y ;

then $x : a :: a : \frac{a^2}{x} = CE$; and $y : b :: b : \frac{b^2}{y}$

$= FI$. Now since the sum of the surfaces of the two segments BGH, DAK, is to be a maximum, it is evident that the sum of the remaining surfaces must be a minimum. But (by Dr. Hutton's Mensuration, 2d ed. p. 199) the surface of a segment, or frustum, is as the product of the radius of the sphere and altitude of the segment, therefore $\frac{a^3}{x} + \frac{b^3}{y}$ is a

min.; this in flux. gives $\frac{a^3}{x^2} = \frac{b^3}{y^2}$, or $x^2 : y^2 ::$

$a^3 : b^3$, that is, the squares of the distances, are as the cubes of their radii. From the foregoing equation, and $x + y = c$, is obtained $x = 208982.65$, and $y = 29757.35$. Let $p = 3.1416$, the circumference of a circle whose diameter is unity,

then the quantity of surface cen $= 2p \times (a^2 \times 1 - \frac{a}{x} +$

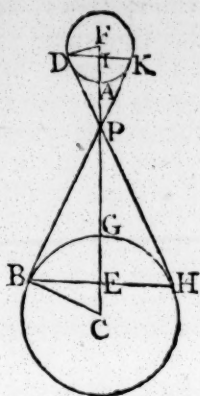
$b^2 \times 1 - \frac{b}{y}) = 10471138.8458 \text{ \&c, square miles.}$

Other ingenious answers were given by Messieurs Adams, Baron, Bengal Officer, Bickford, Bulmer, Campbell, Cavill, Cullingworth, Craggs, Cram, Elliott, Haycock, Hornby, Huibersal, Jackson, Liddell, Marriot, Nancy Mason, J^a. Measor, P. Measor, Nicholson, Pearson, Pritty, Robinson, Røwe, Taylor, Thompson, Wilkinson and Wright.

VII. SUPP. QUESTION 43 answered by Mr. Wm. Marriot, Neath, Glamorganshire.

By rule I, pa. 207, Dr. Hutton's Menf. 2d ed. $3 \times 6^2 + 4^2 \times 4 \times .5236 = 496 \times .5236 = 259.7056$ cubic inches, is the solid content of the whole segment, the half of which $248 \times .5236 = 129.8528$ is the half of it. Now the value will be different according to the tables of specific gravity; if the inch of pure gold weigh 10.359273 oz. troy, then $129.8528 \times 10.359273 = 1345.1806$ ounces in each share, which multiplied by 4, gives 5380l. 14s. $5\frac{1}{4}$ d. for the value of each man's share.

To find where it must be cut: first $4 + \frac{36}{4} = 4 + 9 = 13 = a$ is the diameter of the whole sphere; put $x =$ the height of the segment to the proposed section; then $\sqrt{ax - x^2}$ is the radius of the base of that segment; and by the same rule as before $ax - x^2 \times 3 + x^2 \times x \times .5236 =$ its content $= 248 \times .5236$ from above; hence $3ax^2 - 2x^3 = 248$, or $39x^2 - 2x^3 = 248$; which gives $x = 2.718$ inch. from the top of the segment, or 1.282 inches from the base, and parallel to it.



The same answered by Mr. M. Terry, of Settle.

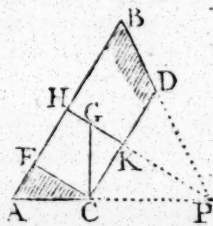
First $3 \times 6^2 + 4^2 \times 2 \times .5236 = 248 \times .5236 = 129.8528$ is the content of each half. And the diameter of the sphere being 13, by the 2d rule for Segments, $3 \times 13 - 2x \times x^2 \times .5236 = 39x^2 - 2x^3 \times .5236 = 248 \times .5236$, or $39x^2 - 2x^3 = 248$, from whence x is found $= 2.7183$ nearly.

Again, as $1728 : 259.7056 :: 19640$ (spec. grav. of pure gold in Hutton's table of Spec. Grav. Compendious Measurer, pa. 283) : 2951.7465 ounces, the weight of the whole segment; therefore $2951.7465 \times 4 = 11806.986$ the value of the ingot, and consequently each man's share is 5903l. 9s. 10d.

Ingenious answers were also given by Messieurs Adams, Baron, Bengal Officer, Bickford, Birkbeck, Brady, Bransby, Brewer, Bulmer, Burdon, Burton, Campbell, Cavill, Craggs, Cram, Davis, Elliott, Furness, Haycock, Herwitt, Hornby, Houndall, Huthersal, Jackson, Knight, Liddell, Nancy Mason, Ja. Measor, P. Measor, Mulcaster, Nicholson, Pearson, Pritty, Geo. Robinson, Wm. Robinson, Ross, Rowe, Taylor, Thompson, Wardlaw, Whitehead, Wilkinson, and Wright.

VIII. or SUPP. PRIZE QUESTION 44, answered by Mr. Colin Campbell, Kendal.

Let AP be the horizontal plane, ABDC the frustum, HK its axis, G the centre of gravity, and let HK produced meet AP in P, then it is evident that APB will be the cone completed. Now as the frustum, from the nature of the problem, receives a rotatory motion round its axis KH, the velocity of any two points A and C on the plane, will be as AB to CD, or as PH to PK, or as PA to PC, and therefore P is stationary, and the lines PA and PC describe circles round P. But the area of the circle PA is to that of PC, as AB^2 to CD^2 , and the crown ring moved over by the frustum



$=$ the area of the circle PA $\times \frac{AB^2 - CD^2}{AB^2}$; therefore it is

a minimum when the area of the circle PA is a minimum. Consequently the requisite of the problem is to be found by drawing a line from G perp. to AP meeting it in C: For if this line cut between P and C, the frustum will not stand on the flant side.—But $KG = \frac{114}{49} \times \frac{1}{4}KH$ by Hutton's Mathematical Miscellany, Art. 12, and the triangles AHP, CGK are similar, therefore $HA = \frac{5}{2} : HP = \frac{5}{2} HK :: KG = \frac{114}{49} \times \frac{1}{4}KH : KC = \frac{3}{2}$, hence $HK = 7\sqrt{\frac{1}{19}}$; therefore the space rolled over is $= 4 \times PH^2 + HA^2 \times .7854 \times \frac{AB^2 - DC^2}{AB^2} = 5$ square yards nearly.

The same answered by Mr. Wm. Pearson, Teacher of the Mathematics, North Shields.

Let ABDC be the frustum, G its centre of gravity, and GC perp. to AP.—Then, by Emerson's Mechanics, prop. 1, of the Centre of Gravity, when GC falls without the side of the frustum, it then will not stand, but will turn upon its less end, and the question will be impossible; and when the said perp. GC falls within the side of the frustum, it will then stand, and the question will not be limited, but will admit of an infinite number of answers. Hence, in the present case, GC must fall exactly in the extremity of the less end, and the frustum will then be the least possible under these circumstances to turn round on its side, consequently will roll over the least space.

This being premised, draw CF parallel to KH; and put $AB = 5 = a$, $CD = 3 = b$, their dif. $= 2 = d$, and $HK = x$; then by Art. 12, Hutton's Miscellany, $\frac{6a^2 - 4ad + d^2}{3a^2 - 3ad + d^2} \times \frac{1}{3}x$, or $2.32653 \times \frac{1}{3}x$, or rather $m \times \frac{1}{3}x = GK$, the distance of the centre of gravity from the less end of the frustum.—Again, by similar triangles, $CF : AF :: CK : KG =$

$$\frac{3}{2x}; \text{ therefore } \frac{3}{2x} = m \times \frac{1}{3}x; \text{ hence } x = \sqrt{\frac{6}{m}} = 1.60591.$$

Again, by Eucl. I. 47, $\sqrt{CF^2 + AF^2} = AC = 1.8918$.

And, by sim. tri. $AF : AC :: AH : AP = 4.7295$.

Also, by the same, $AF : AC :: CK : CP = 2.8377$.

Then, by prob. 11, part 2, sect. 1, Hutton's Mensura. 1st. edit. $2AP + 2CP \times 2AP - 2CP \times .7854 = 44.9739$ square feet, or 4.9971 square yards, as required.

Answers upon true principles were also given by Messieurs Geo. Baron, John Bickford, Geo. Birkbeck, Cha Braay, Jos. Brewer, T. Bulmer, John Craggs, Elliott, John Griffith, Wm. Hardy, John Huthersal, J. Jackson, I. Liddell, John Mitchell, Wm. Robinson, John Rodham, John Taylor, M. Terry, Tho. Thompson, A. A. Todd, Tho. Whiting, Rob. Wilkinson, and John Wight. The other answers received were not right.

ANSWERS to DIARY QUESTIONS.

I. DIARY QUESTION answered by Mr. C. Pritty, Thorham, Suffolk.

Let ABCD (*fig. in the Diary*) represent the tub; and AF, DE perp. to CD or AB. Put $AB = a = 4^8$ inches, $AD = d = 50$, $BD = c = 50$, and $x = CD$ the bottom diameter of the tub; then will $BE = FC = \frac{1}{2}a - \frac{1}{2}x$, and by Eucl. II. 12, $AD^2 = AC^2 + CD^2 + 2CF \times CD$, that is, $d^2 = c^2 + x^2 + x \times a - x = c^2 + ax$, whence $x = \frac{d^2 - c^2}{a} = 33\frac{1}{3}$, and CF or $\frac{1}{2}a - \frac{1}{2}x = 7\frac{1}{3}$, and the perp. height of the tub $AF =$

$\sqrt{c^2 - CF^2} = \sqrt{900 - 53\frac{1}{2}} = 29.09$. Then, by the rules for mensuration or gauging, the tub is found to contain 38194 cubic inches = $165\frac{1}{3}$ wine gallons, or $135\frac{1}{2}$ ale gallons nearly.

* *Note.* Hence it appears, that the product of the top and bottom diameters of a frustum of a cone, is equal to the difference between the squares of the diagonal and flant side. Being the same in effect, and the general case of this property in the cylinder, namely, that the product of both ends (being the same as the square of one end) is equal to the difference between the squares of the diagonal and perpendicular height.

II. DIARY QUESTION answered by Mr. John Wright, of Westboughton School.

Here it is plain that the yearly advantage derived to the farm by the draining, may be considered as an annuity. And the question is, To find in what time the amount of the said annuity will be equal to the amount of the sum laid out at the given rate; compound interest being allowed both upon the sum laid out, and on the advantage, which I suppose was implied in the question.

In order to give a general solution to questions of this kind; let a represent the annuity or yearly advantage, b the sum laid out, r the amount of 1 pound for a year. Then, by Simpson's

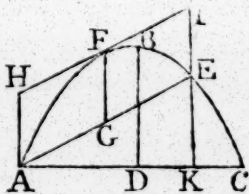
Algebra, pa. 237, $a \times \frac{r^x - 1}{r - 1}$ will be the amount of the annuity a in the time x ; likewise br^x will be the amount of the sum b for the same time. Then by the question

$a \times \frac{r^x - 1}{r - 1} = br^x$, and hence $x = \log. \frac{a}{a + b^1 - rb} \div \log. r = 14.2067$ years, the required time in the present case.

III. DIARY QUESTION answered by Mr. Cullen O'Connor.

LEMMA. The area of any right segment ABC of a parabola, is as the cube of its base AC; and the area of an oblique segment AFE, is as the cube of AK, the segment of the right base cut off by EK parallel to the axis, or perpendicular to the base.—For, any segment, as AFE, is two-thirds of its circumscribed parallelogram AHIE, which is equal to AH or $FG \times AK$; but the absciss FG is as the square of the base AE , which is as the square of AK ; therf. the area is as $AK^2 \times AK$ or AK^3 . In like manner the area ABC is as AC^3 .

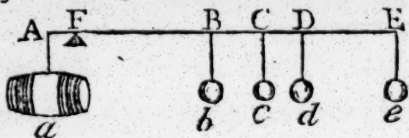
SOLUTION. Let ABC be the parabola; its base $AC = 10$, its axis $BD = 15$, and AE the required line dividing the area (100) in the ratio of 3 to 2, or to make $AFE = 40$, and $AEC = 60$. Draw EK perp. to AC ; then, by the lemma, as $ABC : AFE$ or as $5 : 2 :: AC^3$ or $10^3 : AK^3 = \frac{2}{5}$ of 10^3 ; therefore $AK = \sqrt[3]{400} = 7.368063$; hence $KC = 10 - AK = 2.631937$.



Now the parameter being a 3d proportional to the absciss and ordinate, as $BD : AD :: AD : \frac{25}{15} = \frac{5}{3}$ = the parameter; then by Hutton's Conic Sections, prop. 2, as the param. $\frac{5}{3} : AK :: KC : KE = 11.63537$; hence, by right-angled triangles, $AE = \sqrt{AK^2 + KE^2} = 13.7608$, as required.

IV. DIARY QUESTION answered by the Rev. L. Evans.

Let AE represent the rod, A, B, C, D, E, the places of the cask a and the weights b, c, d, e , also F the fulcrum or centre of gravity of the whole,



reduced to the rod. Then, by mechanics, the point F will be found, either by making the sum of the products, of the weights by their distances from F, equal on both sides; or by making the products of all the weights multiplied by their distances from either of the ends of the rod, equal to the product of the sum of all the weights by the distance of the fulcrum from the same end. Hence then these principles

$$\text{give } AF = \frac{AB \times b + AC \times c + AD \times d + AE \times e}{a + b + c + d + e} = 2,$$

$$\text{and } FE = \frac{AE \times a + BE \times b + CE \times c + DE \times d}{a + b + c + d + e} = 24.$$

V. DIARY QUESTION answered by Mr. Wm. Marriot, of Neath.

The area of an equilateral triangle whose side is 1, being $\cdot433013$; and the sides, and other dimensions, of similar triangles, as the square roots of their areas; we have $\sqrt{\cdot433013} : \sqrt{10000} :: 1 : 151.9756$, the side of the equilateral triangle whose area is 10000: Again, the diameter of its inscribed circle will be equal to 4 times the area divided by the sum of its three

sides; therefore $\frac{40000}{151.9756} \times \frac{1}{3} = 87.7332$ is that diameter,

and its area $87.7332^2 \times .7854 = 6047.3136$, which is also the area of the walk; hence their sum 16047.3136 = the area of the bounding triangle HIK (*Fig. in the Diary*). Then as $\sqrt{\cdot433013} : \sqrt{16047.3136} :: 1 : 192.5196$ the side HI of this triangle. Now, if the given triangle ABC were to be surrounded by a similar triangle HIK, the breadth of the walk would be equal to its area divided by half the perimeters of the two, that is, $DG = \frac{6047.3136}{AB + HI} \times \frac{2}{3} = 11.702$ feet the breadth of the walk.

But the breadth of the walk is required to be every where the same; therefore in strictness the corners must be circular, having a radius equal to the breadth of the walk: now each

circular corner is evidently equal to $\frac{1}{3}$ of a circle whose radius is that breadth. Whence (*as in the Diary*) that breadth is found to be 12.23.

VIII. DIARY QUESTION answered by Mr. Colin Campbell, Kendal.

Let AD be the inclining bottom of any sewer; draw AB parallel, and BD perp. to the horizon; make AG parallel to BD, and perp. to AD draw GH = the depth of the water at A. — Now the pressure of the water on AD is to its pressure in GA, as AB to DA, which is in both cases indefinitely near equal; and therefore the motion of the water at A parallel to AD arising from the pressure on AD will be the same, that is, the quantity discharged on this account at A will be indefinitely near the same in both cases. But the velocity acquired by the particles in sliding down the plane DA, will be as \sqrt{DB} , that is, in the present case as $\sqrt{3} : \sqrt{12}$, or as 1 : 2. Hence it appears, that in theory the longer course will have the advantage; but in practice, the friction, accidental obstructions, and weeds ought to be taken into consideration, which will undoubtedly produce a difference in favour of the shorter drain.



The same answered by Amicus.

Since each sewer has the same aperture, the same quantity of water will run into each in the same time. And to find in what time a given small quantity of water entering each with the same velocity of c feet per second, will run along each of the inclined planes; let $b = 32\frac{1}{6}$, and $x =$ any given length; then for the

longer sewer, $\frac{bx}{880} = v\dot{v}$, $v = \sqrt{\frac{bx}{440}} + c^2$, time = $\frac{880}{b}$

$\sqrt{\frac{bx}{440}} + c^2$; when $x = 10560$, time = $\frac{880}{b} \sqrt{24b + c^2}$. And

in like manner the time through the other will be found = $\frac{880}{b}$

$\sqrt{24b + c^2}$; or the times are as $\sqrt{24b + c^2}$ to $\sqrt{24b + 4c^2}$.

IX. DIARY QUESTION answered by Mr. Rd. Elliott, Liverpool.

Let x and y represent the chapters; then, by the question, $x^2 - y^2 = 1485 = a$, and $x^3 - y^3 = 66177 = b$. Put $x + y = s$, and $x - y = d$; then $x^2 - y^2 = sd = a$, and $x^3 - y^3 = \frac{3}{4}ds^2 + \frac{1}{4}d^3 = b$: from the first equation $s = \frac{a}{d}$; this substituted for s in the second, and reduced, gives $d^4 - 4bd = -3a^2$, from which $d = 27$, and $s = 55$. Hence $x = 41$, and $y = 14$, which chapters I find to answer to December 14; so that they

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height of the tree. Then (by Simpson's Fluxions, prob. 30)

$$\frac{dx}{ac} = 245 = b, \text{ or } x = \frac{abc}{d} = 100.095 \text{ feet} = 33.365 \text{ yds.}$$

and $\frac{2dx}{\sqrt{ac}} = 384.724$ feet, the conjugate axis of the curve;

hence 72.302 feet is the length of the tree's shade at noon, or the absciss of the curve; and the area is found = 21808 sq. feet.

XIII. DIARY QUESTION answered by Mr. Colin Campbell, Kendal.

First, when x does not exceed 1, $\dot{z} = \dot{x} - x^3\dot{x} + x^6\dot{x}$ &c, and $z = x - \frac{1}{4}x^4 + \frac{1}{7}x^7 - \frac{1}{10}x^{10}$ &c, which is correct; therefore when $x = 1$,

$$z = 1 - \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{7} - \frac{1}{10} \text{ \&c} = \frac{3}{1.4} + \frac{3}{7.10} + \frac{3}{13.16} \text{ \&c.}$$

Again, when x is not less than 1, then

$$\dot{z} = \frac{\dot{x}}{x^3} - \frac{\dot{x}}{x^6} + \frac{\dot{x}}{x^9} \text{ \&c, and } z = d - \frac{1}{2x^2} + \frac{1}{5x^5} - \frac{1}{8x^8} \text{ \&c;}$$

and when $x = 1$,

$$z = d - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{11} \text{ \&c} = d - \frac{3}{2.5} - \frac{3}{8.11} - \frac{3}{14.17}$$

&c. Now the two values of z in this case being equal, we have

$$d - \frac{3}{2.5} - \frac{3}{8.11} - \frac{3}{14.17} \text{ \&c} = \frac{3}{1.4} + \frac{3}{7.10} + \frac{3}{13.16} \text{ \&c, hence}$$

$$d = 3 \times : \frac{1}{1.4} + \frac{1}{7.11} + \frac{1}{13.17} \text{ \&c} + 3 \times : \frac{1}{2.5} + \frac{1}{8.11} + \frac{1}{14.17}$$

$$\text{\&c} = 1.21104, \text{ theref. } z = 1.21104 - \frac{1}{2x^2} + \frac{1}{5x^5} - \frac{1}{8x^8} \text{ \&c.}$$

Cor. When x is infinite, $z = d$.

Schol. The sum of the two compound series

$$\frac{1}{2.5} + \frac{1}{8.11} + \frac{1}{14.17} \text{ \&c, and } \frac{1}{1.4} + \frac{1}{7.11} + \frac{1}{13.17} \text{ \&c, may}$$

be found by Increments. But they will be much easier and quicker found, by finding the sums of their several constituting simple alternate series $1 - \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{7}$ &c, by Dr. Hutton's method in the second of his Tracts.

XV. or DIARY PRIZE QUESTION answered by Amicus.

Bisect the given side BC in G (*fig. in the Diary*), at a distance = BG = GC, draw HA parallel to BC, produce BC to K till GC² : GK² :: 8 : 3, draw KA perp. to BK cutting HA in A, join AB and AC, and ABC is the required triangle.

For AK = GC, $AB^3 + AC^3 = \overline{AB + AC} \times \overline{AB^2 + AC^2 - AB \times AC}$, but $AB^2 + AC^2 = 2AG^2 + 2BG^2$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= 2AG^2 + 2AK^2 = 2GK^2 + 4AK^2 = \frac{16}{3}AK^2 + 4AK^2 \\
&= \frac{28}{3}AK^2; \text{ but } CK = GK - AK = AK\sqrt{\frac{8}{3}} - AK, \\
&CK^2 + AK^2 = AC^2 = AK^2 \times \frac{8}{3} - 2AK^2\sqrt{\frac{8}{3}} + 2AK^2 \\
&= AK^2 \times 2 - \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}|^2, AC = AK \times 2 - AK\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}, AB^2 = \\
&\frac{16}{3}AK^2 + 4AK^2 - AC^2 = AK^2 \times \frac{8}{3} + 2AK^2\sqrt{\frac{8}{3}} + \\
&2AK^2, AB = AK \times 2 + AK\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}, AB + AC = AK \times 4, \\
&AB \times AC = 4AK^2 - AK^2 \times \frac{2}{3} = \frac{10}{3}AK^2, AB^2 + AC^2 \\
&- AB \times AC = 6AK^2, \text{ and } AB + AC \text{ being } = 4AK; \\
&AB^3 + AC^3 = 24AK^3 = 3BC^3.
\end{aligned}$$

The same answered by Mr. J. Hartley, Fleet-street.

Let BC be the given base, $GC = GH = \frac{1}{2}BC$, extend GH to $L = 3GC$, through BLC describe a circle, and draw HA parallel to BC; join AB, AC, so shall ABC be the triangle required.

For, draw EI perp. to AB; then, by Simpson's Trigon. prob. 18, $AI = \frac{1}{2}AB + \frac{1}{2}AC$, or half the sum of the sides AB, AC. By the nature of the circle $LG : GC :: GC : GE = \frac{1}{3}GC = \frac{1}{3}GH$; and by the said prob. 18, $GE : EH :: GC^2 : AI^2$; whence $AI = AB = 200$, and $AB + AC = 400$, which call a , and the sum of their cubes mult. by 3 = 24000000

= b , then will $AB = \frac{a}{2} + \sqrt{\frac{b}{3a} - \frac{a^2}{12}} = 281.649$, and $AC = 118.351$, the sides required.

The same answered by Mr. John Wright, Westboughton.

Take the line M a mean proportional between the base BC and $\frac{1}{6}BC$; upon BC describe a triangle such, that the side $AB = BC + M = 281.64965$, and $AC = BC - M = 118.35035$, and the thing is done.

For it is well known that $AB^3 + AC^3 = 8BC^3 + 6M^2 \times BC$; and by constr. $6M^2 = BC^2$; therefore $AB^3 + AC^3 = 3BC^3$, as it ought. Also, (by Hutton's Mensur. rule 3, pa. 97), $\frac{3}{2}BC \times \frac{1}{2}BC \times \frac{1}{2}BC - M \times \frac{1}{2}BC + M = \frac{3}{4}BC^2 \times \frac{1}{4}BC^2 - M^2 = \frac{1}{16}BC^4 =$ the square of the area, or $\frac{1}{4}BC^2 = 10000$ the given area.

Mr. Cullen O'Connor, after his geometrical solution, gives some algebraical calculations. Having discovered that, in the present question the sides of the triangle are in arithmetical progression; he remarks that, by taking the sides always in such progression, the sum of the cubes of two sides may be made to have any given ratio to the cube of the third side. Thus, let a denote this side, $a + y$ and $a - y$ the two other sides, the sum of whose cubes shall be m times that of the third or given side a . Now $a + y|^3 + a - y|^3 = 2a^3 + 6ay^2$

$= ma^3$ in this case, or $2a^2 + 6y^2 = ma^2$; hence $6y^2 = m - 2 \cdot a^2$, and $y\sqrt{6} = a\sqrt{m-2}$, or $y = a\sqrt{\frac{m-2}{6}}$ the common diff. of the sides; thence the two other sides are $a + y = a(1 + \sqrt{\frac{m-2}{6}})$, and $a - y = a(1 - \sqrt{\frac{m-2}{6}})$.

When $m = 3$, as in the question, these sides become $a(1 \pm \sqrt{\frac{1}{6}})$.

NEW QUESTIONS.

I. QUESTION (45), by *Mr. Nicholas Barrow*.

What is the length of the shortest line that can possibly be drawn round an acre of land?

II. QUESTION (46), by *Mr. James Hill*.

How long will a person be counting a million of millions of guineas, at the rate of 100 per minute; counting 6 ho. each day?

III. QUESTION (47), by *J. B. Esq.*

What are the odds, at the game of Whist, that the dealer holds all the thirteen trumps in his own hand?

IV. QUESTION (48), by *the Rev. Mr. L. Evans*.

In Dr. Hutton's *Mensuration*, 2d edit. pa. 114, or 1st edit. pa. 82, are these expressions,

$$\sqrt{\frac{6+2\sqrt{5}}{10-2\sqrt{5}}} = \sqrt{1 + \frac{2}{5}\sqrt{5}}; \text{ and } \sqrt{\frac{2+\sqrt{2}}{2-\sqrt{2}}} = 1 + \sqrt{2}.$$

Quere an investigation.

V. QUESTION (49), by *Mr. W. Pearson*.

To measure a pond being ask'd; when I went,
I found that to puzzle was all the intent.
The three sides to have measur'd they did not incline;
So each side I produc'd just in a right line;
And, trying a while in different stations,
Found circles just touch these continuations
And each side: the radii are given below *:
The content of the pond, please artists to shew.

* The radius of a circle that will touch the least side of the pond, and the continuations of the other sides, was 2 chains; the radius of that touching the second side, and ditto, 3 chains; and the 3d ditto, 6 chains.

VI. QUESTION (50), *by Mr. Rich. Elliott, Liverpool.*

Required the points of division on the beam of a steel-yard, where the weights of 1, 2, 3, 4, &c lb, on one side, will just balance a constant weight of 90 lb at the distance of 2 inches on the other side of the fulcrum; the weight of the beam being 15 lb, and its whole length 40 inches.

VII. QUESTION (51), *by Mr. Edward Warren.*

Sailing, on June 21, 1793, to the north of the line, but within the tropic, I observed the sun's azimuth at 6 in the morning, by my watch, to be 70° . And 4 hours afterwards I found it to be exactly the same. Required the latitude, and the correct times of the observations, to rectify the watch.

VIII. or PRIZE QUESTION (52), *by Mr. Ra. Burton, of Salton.* [*Whoever answers it before Candlemas-Day, has a chance by lot for 10 Supplements.*]

Required the quantity, in cubic feet, of light earth, necessary to form a bank on the side of a canal, which will but just support a pressure of water 5 feet deep, and 300 feet long. And what will the carriage of the earth cost, at the rate of 1 shilling per ton: supposing the specific gravities of water and light earth to be such as mentioned in Dr. Hutton's Compend. Measurer.

* * * The prize of ten Supplements for the solution of the Prize Question has fallen to Mr George Boron; and the prize of ten Suppl. also, for the solutions of the Enigmas, Rebuses, &c, to Mr. John Rimmer; who will please to send for them to the Publishers, Messrs. Robinson, Paternoster-row, London.

To persons enquiring for former numbers of the Diaries and Suppl. the author answers, that most of the numbers from the beginning can be supplied, and delivered in London, at the rate of 1s. each number.

To Mr. J. K. who puts some queries, the editor returns compliments, and answers, that, for young students, Emerson's smaller book on Mechanics is a good one; and so is Keil's Introduction to Natural Philosophy, on the Theory, &c. The author (Dr. Hutton) must recommend his own book of Conic Sections, as the easiest and fittest work for the purpose. — Several enquire whether the editor intends to make a 4th vol. of the re-publication of the Diaries since the year 1773, where the former left off. This he may some time do, but not at present, being too much occupied on his great Philosophical and Mathematical Dictionary, now printing, and which it is expected will speedily be published in Numbers or in Parts.

From the late extraordinary increase in the price of paper and printing, this Supplement is unavoidably raised to nine-pence.

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